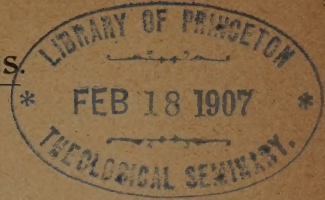


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**TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING.**

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**ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS**

OF THE

**Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church  
in the United States.**

**AT ITS ANNUAL SESSIONS HELD IN BALTIMORE, MD.**

In the month of October, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-nine. The Sessions commenced on the evening of the twenty-fourth and continued until the evening of the thirtieth day of the month inclusive.

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**ARTICLE I.**

**OPENING OF SYNOD.**

The Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States convened in St. Paul's Reformed Church (English) of Baltimore, Md., on Tuesday evening, October 24th, A. D. 1899, at 8 o'clock, pursuant to previous appointment, and was opened with appropriate religious services. The opening sermon was preached by the retiring President, Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier, from 1 Timothy 1:15—"This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners."

At the conclusion of the sermon, the Synod was called to order by the President, and formally opened by him with prayer. The Provisional Synodic Roll was then called by the Stated Clerk, and a quorum was found to be in attendance.

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**ARTICLE II.**

**DELEGATES PRESENT.**

**I.—From the Classis of Zion.**

*Ministers.*—George Stibitz, Ph.D., Henry H. Apple, Aaron Spangler, George W. Shellenberger, A. Theodore Wright.

*Elders.*—Milton W. Bahn, Jonas Deisinger, M.D., S. Nevin Hench,\* Israel Laucks.\*

## II.—From the Classis of Maryland.

*Ministers.*—Barton R. Carnahan, George W. Snyder, Atvill Conner, William C. Sykes, Kenny O. Spessard, Ph.D., Edmund R. Eschbach, D.D., T. Franklin Hoffmeier, Hiram J. Macalister, Samuel M. Roeder, Cyrus Cort, D.D., J. Spangler Kieffer, D.D.,<sup>3</sup> Alexander Bateman, Ph.D.,<sup>3</sup> Silas M. Hench,<sup>4</sup> George A. Whitmore.<sup>4</sup>

*Elders.*—Charles H. Coblentz, John T. Brown, David C. Hammett, Cephas M. Thomas, William S. Flook, Jacob P. Balthoser, Jacob H. Cost, Calvin A. Thomas, Joseph H. Apple, Edmund S. Everhart, Norman B. Hagan, Samuel H. Miller, George M. Roberts, Abraham H. Geiman.

## III.—From the Classis of Mercersburg.

*Ministers.*—Charles A. Santee, Isaac N. Peightel, Irwin M. Beaver, Jonas B. Shontz, Franklin F. Bahner, D.D., Edward O. Keen.

*Elders.*—John A. Diehl, J. Edward Omwake, Henry Mickle, Casper Wicke, Samuel Hoeflich.

## IV.—From the Classis of Virginia.

*Ministers.*—John A. Hoffheins, D.D., Henry Ditzler, Albert B. Bauman, Abraham D. Wolfinger, J. Philip Harner, Ellis S. Hay.

*Elders.*—Daniel S. Rentch, Theodore N. Sellers, M.D., Richard L. Gray, John H. Bauserman, John S. Palmer, Charles P. Matthaei.<sup>4</sup>

## V.—From the Classis of North Carolina.

*Ministers.*—James D. Andrew, Theodore C. Hesson, William H. McNairy, Jacob N. Faust, Joseph L. Murphy.<sup>2</sup>

## VI.—From the Classis of Gettysburg.

*Ministers.*—Milton M. Noacher, George B. Resser, Frederick C. Seitz, Walter E. Krebs, D.D., Marsby J. Roth, John F. Mackley, Francis S. Lindaman.<sup>6</sup>

*Elders.*—Andrew R. Brodbeck, Jacob H. Schriver, John P. Butt, Greenbury W. Weaver, William J. Feezer,<sup>2</sup> William F. Stanbury.

## VII.—From the Classis of Carlisle.

*Ministers.*—Miles O. Noll, J. David Miller, Charles H. Brandt, James M. Mullan.

*Elders.*—Ephraim A. Shulenberger, D.D.S., John H. Sheibly, Jeremiah V. Fickes.

## VIII.—From the Classis of Juniata.

*Ministers.*—Charles E. Creitz, Edward M. Beck, John F. Moyer, Calvin B. Heller, Gustavus R. Poetter, Paul S. Leinbach, Edward W. Stonebraker.



*Elders.*—William C. Gerst, Max Bechhoefer, John Brewster, Amos C. Daniel, D.D.S., David M. Stoler, Calvin Bowser, James A. Heffner.

NOTE.—The figures at the end of a name indicate the day on which a delegate took his seat, who was not present at the opening of the Synod.

Rev. Simon S. Miller occupied the seat of Rev. J. S. Kieffer during the sessions of the first two days; Rev. Charles W. Levan that of Rev. S. M. Hench during the sessions of the first three days, and of Rev. S. M. Roeder the last day, and Rev. J. B. Stonesifer that of Rev. J. A. Hoffheins during the fourth day.

Revs. E. W. Stonebraker, C. E. Creitz, T. C. Hesson, W. H. McNairy, J. N. Faust, J. L. Murphy, F. F. Bahner, and Elders R. L. Gray, J. T. Brown, W. S. Flook, J. H. Apple, N. B. Hagan, A. C. Daniels, S. Hoeflich, E. A. Shulenberger and S. N. Hench obtained leave of absence, most of them on the last day of the sessions.

#### **Advisory Members.**

The following advisory members were present at one or more of the sessions of the Synod, to wit:

*Zion's Classis.*—Rev. H. M. John Kline.

*Maryland Classis.*—Revs. Lloyd E. Coblentz, Conrad Clever, D.D., E. Ranson Deatruck, B.D., William I. Stewart, B.D., Simon S. Miller, Adam S. Weber, Joel T. Rossiter, D.D., George M. D. Zacharias, Louis F. Zinkham, Henry F. Dittmar, William C. B. Shulenberger, Charles W. Levan, Eugene L. McLean, George L. Staley, D.D., Calvin S. Slagle, Isaac M. Motter.

*Mercersburg Classis.*—Revs. Wm. M. Deatruck, D.D., Henry N. Bassler, Charles M. Smith.

*Virginia Classis.*—Revs. George G. Everhart, James B. Stonesifer, Jacob S. Garrison.

*North Carolina Classis.*—Rev. Jacob C. Leonard, B.D.

*Gettysburg Classis.*—Rev. Paul M. Spangler.

*Eastern Synod.*—Revs. Adam C. Whitmer, Milton H. Sangree, Thomas M. Yundt, Rufus W. Miller, John S. Stahr, D.D., David N. Dittmar, Ellis N. Kremer, D.D., Cyrus J. Musser, G. Jurany.

*Pittsburgh Synod.*—Revs. Lewis Reiter, Ambrose M. Schmidt, Thomas S. Land, Charles R. Ferner, Albert E. Truxal, D.D.

*German Synod of the East.*—Revs. Marcus Bachman, D.D., H. C. Schlueter.

*Synod of Interior.*—Rev. Ernest E. Weaver.

### Ministers of Other Churches.

The presence of the following ministers was announced: Rev. James H. Baird, D.D., of the Presbyterian Church, and Revs. F. P. Manhart and W. C. Stoudenmire, of the Lutheran Church.

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## ARTICLE III.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following members were elected the officers of the Synod for the current Synodical year:

Rev. G. B. Resser, *President*, Hanover, Pa.

Rev. I. N. Peightel, *Vice President*, Greencastle, Pa.

Rev. W. M. Deatruck is *Stated Clerk*, Bedford, Pa.

Rev. E. O. Keen, *Corresponding Secretary*, Waynesboro, Pa.

Rev. P. S. Leinbach, *Reading Clerk*, Altoona, Pa.

Elder G. N. Forney, *Treasurer*, Hanover, Pa.

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## ARTICLE IV.

### RULES OF ORDER.

The Rules of Order as adopted by the General Synod at Akron, Ohio, in 1887, were read by the Reading Clerk.

The President, agreeably to the Rules of Order, defined the *Bar of the House* as limited to the first eight pews from the chancel railing. The following hours were fixed for the opening and closing of the sessions of the Synod, to wit: the daily session to open at 9 o'clock, with a recess from 11.30 to 2 o'clock, and close at 4.30 o'clock; the evening services to commence at 8 o'clock.

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## ARTICLE V.

### STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President appointed the following standing committees, to wit:

*Religious Services*.—Revs. L. E. Coblentz, C. W. Levan, K. O. Spessard, and Elders D. C. Hammett, J. H. Cost.

*Minutes of Synod*.—Revs. W. M. Deatruck, B. R. Carnahan, A. Spangler, and Elders C. H. Coblentz, J. A. Diehl.

*Minutes of General Synod*.—Revs. G. Stibitz, G. W. Shellenger, G. R. Poetter, and Elders J. H. Bauserman, J. P. Butt.

*Overtures*.—Revs. H. H. Apple, H. J. Macalister, C. E. Creitz, and Elders D. S. Rentch, W. C. Gerst.

*Minutes of Classes*.—Revs. W. E. Krebs, C. B. Heller, J.



M. Mullan, and Elders A. R. Brodbeck, C. Wicke.

*Examination, Licensure and Ordination.*—Revs. J. A. Hoffheins, F. F. Bahner, F. C. Seitz, and Elders T. N. Sellers, J. H. Apple.

*State of Religion and Statistics.*—Revs. T. F. Hoffmeier, S. M. Roeder, J. D. Andrew, and Elders G. W. Weaver, J. Brewster.

*Education.*—Revs. E. R. Eschbach, M. M. Noacher, P. S. Leinbach, and Elders J. H. Schriver, A. C. Daniels.

*Orphan Homes.*—Revs. S. S. Miller, M. J. Roth, E. S. Hay, and Elders J. E. Omwake, E. S. Everhart.

*Missions.*—Revs. C. A. Santee, M. O. Noll, A. T. Wright, and Elders M. W. Bahn, R. L. Gray.

*Sunday Schools.*—Revs. C. Cort, E. O. Keen, A. Conner, and Elders A. H. Geiman, H. Mickley.

*Publication.*—Revs. J. D. Miller, G. W. Snyder, C. H. Brandt, and Elders J. V. Fickes, D. M. Stoler.

*Finance.*—Revs. J. F. Mackley, W. C. Sykes, I. M. Beaver, and Elders S. Hoeflich, J. H. Sheibly.

*Nominations.*—Revs. J. F. Moyer, H. Ditzler, E. W. Stonebraker, and Elders C. M. Thomas, J. Deisinger.

*Ministerial Necrology.*—Revs. T. C. Hesson, E. M. Beck, W. H. McNairy, and Elders J. S. Palmer, J. T. Brown.

## ARTICLE VI.

### COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The Minutes of the Classes of Zion, Maryland, Mercersburg, Virginia, North Carolina, Gettysburg, Carlisle and Juniata, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, for examination, except the reports on the State of Religion and the Statistical Tables, which were referred to the Standing Committee on those subjects.

2. The Annual Report of the Treasurer of Synod was presented and read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Finance, for the purpose of being audited.

3. The Annual Reports of the Board of Education, the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, the Board of Directors of the Woman's College, the Board of Visitors, and the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster Pa., and the Treasurer's Report of the same institution, and Annual Report of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College, were presented to Synod and read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Education for further consideration.

4. The Annual Reports of the General Board of Home Missions, the Bi-Synodic Board of Missions, the Treasurer of Home Missions, and the Report of the Secretary of the Board

of Commissioners for Foreign Missions were received, read, and severally referred to the Standing Committee on Missions for further notice.

5. The Annual Report of the Publication Board of the Reformed Church was laid before the Synod and read, after which it was referred to the Standing Committee on Publication for consideration.

6. The Annual Report of the Sunday-school Board was presented to the Synod, read, and referred to the Sunday-school Committee.

7. A number of communications were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Overtures.

## ARTICLE VII.

### RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The Synod, during its sessions, observed the following religious services, to wit:

1. The sessions of each day were opened and closed with appropriate religious services.

2. The Standing Committee on Religious Services reported as follows, which was received and adopted, namely:

*Wednesday Evening*.—"Home Missions." Service in charge of Rev. J. A. Hoffheins. Speakers, Revs. J. L. Murphy and C. E. Creitz.

*Thursday Evening*.—"Education." Services in charge of Rev. F. F. Bahuors. Speakers, Revs. H. H. Apple and E. R. Eschbach.

*Friday Evening*.—Preparatory Service in charge of Rev. J. F. Moyer. Sermon by Rev. G. B. Resser.

*Saturday Evening*.—"Foreign Missions." Service in charge of Rev. F. C. Seitz. Speakers, Rev. J. S. Kieffer and Mary C. Hollowell.

*Sunday Morning, 9 o'clock*.—Holy Communion without sermon. Services in charge of Revs. G. B. Resser and I. N. Peightel.

*Regular Service, 11 o'clock*.—Service by Rev. E. S. Hay. Sermon by Rev. J. S. Kieffer.

*Sunday School at 2.45 p. m.*—Addresses by Rev. M. O. Noll and Elder D. C. Hammett.

*C. E. Prayer and Praise, 7.15 p. m.*—Conducted by Rev. Wm. E. Lampe.

*Sunday Evening*.—"Sunday School and Orphan Homes." Service in charge of Rev. G. W. Snyder. Addresses by Rev. A. B. Bauman and J. B. Shontz.

*First Reformed Church*.—Morning, Rev. J. David Miller; evening, Mary C. Hollowell.



*Third Reformed Church*.—Morning, Rev. J. F. Moyer; evening, Rev. K. O. Spessard.

*St. Paul's Reformed Church*.—(German). Morning, Rev. G. Stibitz; evening, Rev. M. J. Roth.

*Emanuel Reformed Church*.—Morning, Rev. A. Spangler; evening, Rev. G. Stibitz.

*Trinity Reformed Church*.—Morning, Rev. J. B. Shontz; evening, Rev. C. B. Heller.

*Faith Reformed Church*.—Morning, Rev. J. C. Leonard; evening, Rev. E. O. Keen.

*Christ Reformed Church*.—Morning, Rev. J. D. Andrew; evening, Rev. C. A. Santee.

*St. Stephen's Reformed Church*.—Morning, Rev. F. F. Bahner; evening, Rev. A. Conner.

*Grace Reformed Church*.—Morning, Rev. I. M. Beaver; evening, Rev. C. H. Brandt.

*Northeast Mission*.—Rev. J. M. Mullan.

*Harrisonburg, Va.*—Rev. M. M. Noacher.

*Washington, D. C.*—Rev. P. S. Leinbach.

*Evangelical Church*, corner of Fremont and Edmondson avenues, Rev. M. O. Noll.

*Franklin Street Methodist Church*.—Sunday evening, Rev. J. D. Andrew.

Respectfully submitted,  
LLOYD E. COBLENTZ, *Chairman*.

## ARTICLE VIII.

### MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The reading of the minutes of the last Annual Meeting publicly before the Synod was dispensed with, and the printed "Acts and Proceedings" of the last annual sessions of the Synod were referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod, to report such items of business as properly claimed the consideration of the present meeting of the Synod. During the session of Wednesday afternoon, this committee presented its report, which was received, considered item by item, amended, and adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

#### **Report of the Committee on Minutes of Synod.**

*To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:*

Your Committee on the Minutes of Synod, to whom the printed Acts and Proceedings of last year were referred for examination, begs leave, after careful inspection of them, to report the following items as claiming in our judgment the notice and consideration of this Synod, namely:

*Item 1, page 7.* The usual standing committee on Ministerial Necrology is appointed, whose duty it is to report to the

present meeting of the Synod; of which committee Rev. C. H. Slinghoff is chairman.

*Item 2, page 16.* The Classes are earnestly anew requested to accept their full apportionments.

*Item 3, page 27.* The Synod requests the Classes to take certain action in behalf of the Woman's College at Frederick, Maryland.

*Item 4, page 27.* The committee appointed in the interests of the Woman's College is recast and continued, of which committee Rev. F. A. Rupley, Jr., is chairman.

*Item 5, page 40.* The committee appointed to co-operate in the endowment of Franklin and Marshall College is again continued, of which Rev. W. C. Schaeffer is chairman.

*Item 6.* The President of Synod is appointed to participate in the inauguration of Professor-elect Rev. George W. Richards.

*Item 7, page 40.* It will be necessary for the Synod to elect three members of the Board of Education, three members of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, and one member of the Board of Directors of the Woman's College, in place of those whose terms of office will shortly terminate.

*Item 8, page 53.* The Synod urges the several Classes to make special efforts to raise promptly and fully the amounts apportioned upon them for Foreign Missions.

*Item 9, page 53.* The Synod also urges that renewed efforts be made by the Classes to raise the full amounts assigned them for Home Missions.

*Item 10, page 54.* It becomes necessary for the Synod to elect a member of the Synodic Board of Missions, to fill the place of the one whose term of service expires with the present meeting of the Synod.

*Item 11, page 58.* Apportionments are made upon the several Classes for Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Hungarian and Bohemian Missions, Harbor Missions, Work among the Germans, Beneficiary Education, Theological Seminary, Catawba College, Calvin College and Contingent Fund of Synod.

*Item 12, page 59.* Certain arrearages are noted as still existing on apportionments for the Contingent Fund of the Synod, Contingent Fund of the General Synod, Catawba College, and Calvin College.

*Item 13, page 60.* The Trustees of Synod are required annually to furnish the Synod with a proper audit of the Professorship endowment funds.

*Item 14, page 60.* Certain action is taken in regard to the Philip Brechbill legacy of \$200.00.

*Item 15, page 61.* It will be necessary to elect a member of



Synod's Board of Trustees, to fill the place of the one whose term of service will end on the first of next January.

*Item 16, page 62.* Certain action regarding Sunday School matters are referred to the Classes with instructions.

*Item 17, page 62.* The General Synod is petitioned to re-insert in the statistical tables the number of Sunday Schools, officers and teachers, and scholars.

*Item 18, page 67.* The Classes are urged to make all proper efforts to assist the Board of Publication in its endeavor to place its business on a cash basis, etc.

*Item 19, page 68.* The Classes are also urged to put forth all proper effort to increase the circulation of the Reformed Church Messenger and the Reformed Church Review.

*Item 20, page 68.* The Classes are requested to call the attention of their pastors and consistories to the Reformed Church Tidings, urging them to make all reasonable efforts to place it in all their families.

*Item 21, page 68.* The Stated Clerk is directed to have three thousand copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the Synod of 1898 published.

*Item 22, page 68.* It becomes necessary to elect a member of the Reformed Church Publication Board to fill the vacancy that will occur in said Board next January.

*Item 23, page 72.* The special attention of the several Classes is called to the claims of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, and they are requested to instruct their pastors to lift one collection, at least, annually in each of their congregations, on some Sunday before October, in each Synodical year.

*Item 24, page 72.* The Classes are also requested to direct their pastors to make an effort to secure at least five dollars in addition, to be applied to the support of the Daniel Stine Memorial Home.

*Item 25, page 73.* A special committee is appointed, consisting of Revs. C. Cort, H. Ditzler and Prof. J. H. Apple, to secure copies of the addresses delivered at the Schlatter Memorial Services, during the Synod at Hagerstown in 1897, and publish them; provided the Synod incur no expenses in connection with their publication.

*Item 26, page 73.* The overture from the Board of Education was referred to a special committee to report to the present meeting of Synod, of which Rev. A. Spangler is chairman.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Chairman.*

For the action of Synod on item 1, see Article XXII..

Ministerial Necrology; on items 2, 3, 8, 9, 11, 16, 18, 19, 20, 23 and 24, see Article X., Minutes of Classes, for their action on the several items; on item 12, see Article XV., Finance; on items 4, 5, 6 and 26, see Article XIII., Education; items 7, 10, 15 and 22 were severally referred to the Standing Committee on Nominations to make the required nominations; on items 13 and 14, see Article XV., Finance; on item 17, see Article VIII., Minutes of General Synod; on item 21, see Article XX., Publication; the special committee under item 25 reported progress and was continued.

### MINUTES OF GENERAL SYNOD.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of General Synod presented its report, during Thursday forenoon, which was received, considered item by item, amended, and then adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

#### **Report of Committee on Minutes of General Synod.**

*Reverend Fathers and Brethren:*

Your Committee on Minutes of General Synod find the following items, which it thinks will require your attention:

*Item 1, page 85.* The district Synods are directed to pay apportionments for mission work among the Germans in the large cities through the Treasurers of the District Synods.

*Item 2, page 89.* Church Building apportionment set at 6 cents per member.

*Item 3, page 89.* The General Synod commends Missionary societies to the sympathy and encouragement of the Synods.

*Item 4, page 90.* Convention for Twentieth Century Movement in Home Missions in connection with the annual sessions of 1900.

*Item 5, page 90.* The several Synods are requested to instruct their Classes on the subject of the Twentieth Century Movement.

*Item 6, page 181.* The General Synod grants the request to re-insert in the statistical tables the number of Sunday Schools, Officers and Teachers, and Sunday School Scholars.

*Item 7, page 186.* The Stated Clerks of the District Synods are called to aid in furnishing data for a complete list of all licensures and ordination to the ministry.

*Item 8, page 200.* General Synod apportions to the Synod of the Potomac the following amounts, namely: Contingent Fund, \$1,000.00; Home Missions, \$10,750.00; Harbor Missions, \$160.00; Hungarian and Bohemian Missions, \$1,120.00; work among Germans, \$840.00; Foreign Missions, \$5,840.00.



*Item 9, page 224.* General Synod sanctions a modification of the Rules of Order.

*Item 10, page 225.* General Synod will hold its next triennial sessions in the First Reformed Church of Baltimore, Md., May 20th, A. D. 1902, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. STIBITZ, *Chairman.*

Items 1, 6, and 10 were adopted; items 2 and 8 were referred to the Standing Committee on Finance to make the necessary apportionments; items 3, 4, and 5 were referred to the Standing Committee on Missions for consideration; item 7 was referred to the Stated Clerk for compliance therewith.

Note.—The change sanctioned by the General Synod of Rule 26 of Rules of Order, limiting a speaker to thirty minutes instead of one hour, on the same question, unless by consent of the body, was adopted. Had the Eastern Synod used the Rules of Order as modified by the General Synod of Akron, Ohio, in 1887, it would have had no occasion to overture the late General Synod to make a change from "unanimous consent" to "consent of the body"—a change that was already made by the General Synod of Akron, in 1887.

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## ARTICLE IX.

### OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures presented its report at intervals, which was received and disposed of item by item, subsequently adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

*To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:*

Your Committee on Overtures begs leave to report the following papers placed in our hands as claiming the attention of your reverend body, to wit:

*Item 1.* A request from the General Board of Home Missions concerning the building of a church in Washington, D. C.

*Item 2.* A request from the Bi-Synodic Board of Home Missions concerning the sale of a church property in Stockton, California.

*Item 3.* An Overture from General Synod's twentieth century movement committee requesting co-operation of this Synod in carrying out its plans.

*Item 4.* An official communication from the corresponding secretary of Pittsburg Synod reporting its action in reference to the report of the Publication Board.

*Item 5.* An official communication from the secretary of

the Bi-Synodic Board of Home Missions in reference to the election of a superintendent of missions.

*Item 6.* An Overture from five ministers of Zion's Classis, containing a complaint against an action of said Classis.

*Item 7.* A historical statement and reports of the secretary and treasurer of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the U. S.

*Item 8.* A communication from the corresponding secretary of the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College calling attention to the vacancy in the Board.

*Item 9.* A book, "The Heidelberg Catechism with Questions," by Rev. Aaron Spangler, A.M.

*Item 10.* The annual report of St. Paul's Orphans' Home of Butler, Pa.

*Item 11.* The annual report of Bethany Orphans' Home of Womelsdorf, Pa.

*Item 12.* The annual report and proceedings and financial report of the Society for the promotion of German-English education and two catalogues of Calvin College of Cleveland, Ohio.

*Item 13.* The annual report of the Board of Trustees and the annual catalogue of Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa.\*

*Item 14.* Prospectus and catalogue of Massanutten Academy of Woodstock, Va.

*Item 15.* A communication from I. C. Stonebraker, of Hagerstown, Md., in regard to the subscription price of the Reformed Church Messenger.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY H. APPLE, *Chairman.*

Items 1 and 3 were referred to the standing committee on Missions for consideration; on item 2, see Article XIV., Missions; items 4 and 15 were referred to the standing committee on Publication; items 5 and 8 were referred to the standing committee on Nominations to make the necessary nominations; on item 6, see Article XVII., Complaints; on items 7 and 9 see Article XXI., Miscellaneous; items 10 and 11 were referred to the standing committee on Orphans' Homes; items 12, 13 and 14 were referred to the standing committee on Education.

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## ARTICLE X.

### REPORT ON MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes presented its report, during the session of Thursday afternoon, which



was received, disposed of item by item, amended and adopted as a whole. The report as adopted is as follows:

### **I.—Irregularities.**

1. The Stated Clerks of the Maryland and North Carolina Classes failed to provide complete marginal notes to their minutes.

2. The Stated Clerk of Carlisle Classis failed to state place in Carlisle for next annual meeting.

3. The Carlisle Classis held a business session on Sunday evening.

4. Juniata and Virginia Classes failed to appoint the hour for their next annual meetings.

5. Only one of three members of the Committee of Installation was present at the installation of Rev. J. D. Andrew as pastor of the Burlington charge, N. C.

### **II.—Requests and Recommendations.**

6. Maryland Classis requests the Synod to make her apportionment for Catawba College less in proportion to the amount contributed on the endowment of said college.

7. Zion's Classis requests the Synod to exonerate the First Reformed and Heidelberg congregations from the payment of their apportionments (\$21.00) to Catawba College, inasmuch as they paid the principal.

8. North Carolina Classis calls attention to an error in reporting arrearages.

### **III.—Appeals and Complaints.**

9. Five ministers of Zion's Classis give notice of complaining to the Synod against the action of the Classis in refusing to receive the Rev. Raymond E. Butz, from the East Susquehanna Classis, upon a regular certificate of dismission to Zion's Classis. The Classis appointed the Rev. A. Spangler to defend its action.

### **IV.—Subjects Referred to the Classes.**

All the recommendations sent down to the Classes were adopted, and all apportionments assumed, with the following exceptions:

10. Zion's Classes assumed only \$500 of its apportionment of \$1000 for Home Missions, and refused to accept its apportionment of \$120 for Work among the Germans.

11. Maryland Classis failed to apportion six cents per member for church building, and assumed \$101 less on Beneficiary Education than its apportionment.

12. Mercersburg Classis refused to assume \$100 of its apportionment for Home Missions, and \$19 for Beneficiary Education.

13. Virginia Classis refused to assume \$100 of its apportionment for Beneficiary Education, and also the six cents per member for church building.

14. North Carolina Classis refused to accept its apportionments for Theological Seminary and Calvin College, and assumed only \$100 for Beneficiary Education.

15. Juniata Classis assumed only \$600 of its apportionment of \$675 for Beneficiary Education.

**V.—Licensed, Ordained, Received and Dismissed.**

16. Zion's Classis received Rev. E. Bruce Lyttle from the Reading Classis, Rev. George Stibitz, Ph.D., from the Presbytery of Chester of the Presbyterian church; and dismissed Rev. Morgan A. Peters to the Presbytery of Lehigh of the Presbyterian church, and Rev. Gerny Weber to the North Carolina Classis.

17. Maryland Classis licensed Elmer L. Coblentz and William E. Lampe; ordained Elmer L. Coblentz, received Rev. David J. Wolf from the Westmoreland Classis, Rev. J. Stewart Hartman from the Lancaster Classis of the Eastern Synod, and licentiate Charles H. Knight from the East Pennsylvania Classis; and dismissed Rev. Amos O. Reiter to the Kansas Classis, Rev. Alfred F. Dreisbach, Ph.D., to the Lancaster Classis of the Eastern Synod, Rev. A. Thomas G. Apple to East Susquehanna Classis, and licentiate R. Franklin Main to the Somerset Classis of the Pittsburgh Synod.

18. Mercersburg Classis licensed Moses A. Kieffer and dismissed him to the Reading Classis.

19. Virginia Classis received Rev. Henry W. Wissler, from the East Susquehanna Classis.

20. North Carolina Classis licensed Henry E. Sechler, received licentiate George A. Stauffer from the East Susquehanna Classis and ordained him.

21. Gettysburg Classis received Rev. Frederick C. Seitz from the East Susquehanna Classis.

22. Carlisle Classis received licentiate Samuel H. Stein from the Lebanon Classis and ordained him; Rev. Charles H. Brandt from the Wyoming Classis, and dismissed Rev. Henry H. Ranck to the Lebanon Classis.

23. Juniata Classis licensed William A. McClellan; received Rev. Henry H. Hartman and licentiate Arthur C. Thompson from the Philadelphia Classis, and ordained the latter to the Gospel ministry; and dismissed Revs. Louis C. Harnish and William H. Landis to the Lancaster Classis of the Eastern Synod.

**VI.—Places and Times of Next Annual Meetings.**

24. Zion's Classis will meet in Bethany Reformed Church



of York, Pa., May 15th, A. D. 1900, at 7.30 p. m. Rev. C. P. Kehl, *President*; Rev. A. Spangler, *Stated Clerk*; Elder J. Deisinger, *Treasurer*.

25. Maryland Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Manchester, Md., May 16th, A. D. 1900, at 7.30 o'clock p. m. Rev. C. W. Levan, *President*; Rev. E. R. Deatrick, *Stated Clerk*; Rev. C. S. Slagle, *Treasurer*.

26. Mercersburg Classis will meet in the Grindstonehill Church, Franklin county, Pa., May 14th, A. D. 1900, at 8 o'clock p. m. Rev. F. F. Bahner, *President*; Rev. W. M. Deatrick, *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*.

27. Virginia Classis will meet in Frieden's Reformed Church, Rockingham county, Va., May 16th, A. D. 1900, at ———. Rev. J. Philip Harner, *President*; Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*.

28. North Carolina Classis will meet in Buehla Reformed Church, of Arnold, N. C., April 18th, A. D. 1900, at 2.30 o'clock p. m. Rev. W. A. Long, *President*; Rev. J. C. Leonard, *Stated Clerk*; Elder M. J. Rowe, *Treasurer*.

29. Gettysburg Classis will meet in Trinity Reformed Church, of Hanover, Pa., May 25th, A. D. 1900, at 7.30 o'clock, p. m. Rev. P. E. Heimer, *President*; Rev. T. J. Barkley, *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*.

30. Carlisle Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Carlisle, Pa., May 16th, A. D. 1900, at 8 o'clock, p. m. Rev. J. M. Mullan, *President*; Rev. J. D. Miller, *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*.

31. Juniata Classis will meet in Grace Reformed Church of Altoona, Pa., May 17th, A. D. 1900, at 7.30 p. m. Rev. E. W. Stonebraker, *President*; Rev. L. Robb, *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. KREBS, *Chairman*.

Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10 to 31 were severally adopted. Items 6 and 7 were referred to a special committee, which failed to report on the requests of the Maryland and Zion's Classes. On motion, the Synod referred the amount of \$900.00 instead of \$1000.00 to the Standing Committee on Finance for apportionment for Catawba College. For the action of Synod on Item 9, see Article XVII, Complaints.

## ARTICLE XI.

### EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination reported as follows, which was received and adopted, to wit:

The Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination reports that no applicants for examination were referred to the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. HOFFHEINS, *Chairman.*

## ARTICLE XII.

### STATE OF RELIGION AND STATISTICAL REPORTS.

The Standing Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports submitted its report to the Synod, during the session of Monday afternoon, which was received and adopted. The report is as follows, to wit:

**Report of Committee on the State of Religion and Statistics.**  
*To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac;*

DEAR BRETHREN:—It is extremely difficult to present a report on the State of Religion that shall differ materially from previous reports on the same subject. The work of one year does not differ from the work of another.

As this report is to be made up from the reports of the different classes, perhaps the best view of the situation will be obtained by making extracts from these reports:

The report of one Classis says: "The various reports, as they have come to us from the different fields of labor, indicate a hopeful and, healthful condition of affairs, and give evidence of fidelity and earnestness on the part of pastors and elders generally in the discharge of our heaven-reposed responsibilities.

"The proclamation of the everlasting Gospel has been attended to with fidelity and earnestness. The Holy Sacraments have been faithfully administered, and appreciated by our membership generally. The result in the introduction of members into the Church, during the past year, is one of the evidences of the seal and approbation of our Heavenly Father on our labors. The prompt and liberal response of our pastors and people to the challenges for the support of the various benevolent operations of our Church, in raising the entire apportionments, is a fair index of spirituality and consecration to the service of Him Who gave Himself for us."

Another report says: "In the parochial reports of the different charges there is much that is common to all; much to encourage and enough to discourage. But we have sufficient reason to render praise and thanksgiving to God, the Giver of all good, for the power manifested in the Church during the past year. There has been an onward movement, and we believe each pastor has endeavored to accomplish more for the



Master in His vineyard here on earth than ever before. The Word has been preached and under its convincing power, many have entered into full communion with the Church. There is an increase over last year of the number of communicants, but a decrease in the number who communed, which from the tenor of the reports, can be accounted for by the severe weather of the past winter. The benevolent contributions have increased. There is evidence of both spiritual and temporal progress."

Another says: "We notice progress in many departments of Church work. We are thankful to say that the communicant membership of the Classis has increased somewhat in the past year, and even though our benevolent moneys have fallen short of the amount of the previous year, yet we have paid all our apportionments in full and a few of the charges have overpaid. We are glad to say that four new church edifices have been dedicated to the service of God, and the corner-stone of another has been laid."

Another says: "It is gratifying to note that two congregations have been organized, two churches built, one Sunday-school building erected, and one Church remodeled. The reports at hand would indicate a renewed interest in and a greater liberality toward all the benevolent operations of the Church."

Another Classis reports the opening of a Classical Academy under very favorable auspices and with very encouraging prospects of success.

Another speaks more in a tone of sadness, seeming to look rather at the dark than the bright side. It says: "On examining the several Parochial reports we find that in most cases the work of the Church has been prosecuted with commendable zeal. The Word has been preached and the Sacraments administered; but catechization has not been so satisfactorily done as the customs and usages of the Reformed Church require. Our people as a whole are active in their benevolence: but, alas! some of our churches lack in the spirit of liberal giving. There exists in some of our charges the tendency of a lagging spirit. Union and concord, the bonds of peace and good fellowship, are not as strong as desirable, but in lieu thereof, there is discord which hinders the onward and upward progress of the Master's work; and this may explain why the dearth in benevolence exists. It does not occur to us from these reports that there is as deep a spiritual life in our churches and among our membership as ought to exist."

Another says: "From the parochial reports we learn that the brethren have been abundant in labors, and not without

good results. The means employed were the time-honored means of the Reformed Church, earnest preaching of the Word, faithful catechization, family visitation and the use of the Sacraments. Great account was made of the Festival seasons of the Church year, in connection with which, especially the Lenten and Easter seasons, special services were held, which served to revive, refresh and quicken the members who availed themselves of them. The Sunday-schools of the Classis have been carried on with earnestness, and Young People's Societies, Missionary Societies and other organizations have afforded opportunity for the members to work, all with good results.

"In most cases the financial condition of the congregations is reported as good. Pastor's salaries, congregational expenses and classical apportionments have been paid. In a few instances, however, it is to be deplored such a happy state of affairs does not exist."

The whole situation may be well summed up in the words of this last-mentioned report: "All indications show that the blessing of the great Head of the Church has not been wanting or withheld from the labors of His servants. Yet the various reports give evidence also of the truth of our Lord's parable wherein he likens the kingdom of heaven to a field in which the householder sowed good seed, but an enemy sowed tares. Satan is still the enemy of God and man; and as he entered into Paradise under the guise of a serpent, so still his slimy trail is visible in churches and congregations now. Thus the reports of the brethren, while, in the main, hopeful and encouraging, have also the minor tone of sadness and discouragement."

It is a cause of devout gratitude that the lives and health of our pastors generally have been continued. Yet the Reaper has been among us. Many congregations are feeling the loss of faithful ones who as private members or as Elders or Deacons served the Master well. And from the ranks of the ministry too a few have fallen. The venerable fathers Thomas Long and Jesse W. Cecil, of the North Carolina Classis, and William Goodrich, of Maryland Classis, have ceased from their earthly labors and entered into rest. They were veterans in the service, who had long served, and for whom the reward of the faithful was waiting. So, O Lord, when Thou callest us, may we be found ready.

Respectfully submitted,

T. F. HOFFMEIER, *Chairman.*

For Statistical Tables, see Appendix.



## ARTICLE XIII.

**EDUCATION.**

The Board of Education submitted its Annual Report to the Synod, during the session of Thursday morning, which was received, read, and then referred for consideration to the Standing Committee on Education. The report is as follows:

**Report of the Board of Education.**

*To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:*

Your Board of Education, through its Treasurer, begs leave to present the following report, for the year ending October 1st, 1899.

The organization of the Board remains the same as at our last annual report, namely: Rev. William C. Cremer, *President*; Rev. J. David Miller, *Secretary*; and Rev. William M. Deatrick, *Treasurer*.

The Board held its regular annual meeting in Chambersburg, Pa., July 19th, 1899, when the organization for the year took place, the grade papers of the beneficiary students were carefully examined, showing their progress in their studies and standing in the different institutions with which they stand connected, and the annual appropriations were made for the present academic year.

Regretting the necessity for the action of the Faculty of the Theological Seminary in expelling Nevin L. Weidner from said institution last Winter, on account of his moral obliquity in financial matters, the Board concurred in the justice of said action of expulsion.

Wm. A. Kepner informed the Board that he had relinquished his theological studies, but desired aid to enable him to prosecute his studies for scientific purposes. His name was dropped from the list of beneficiary students, and his request for assistance to prosecute his studies for scientific purposes was refused, on the ground that beneficiary moneys are intended only for students, who are preparing for the work of the Holy Ministry.

The name of Frederick A. Cook was stricken from the roll of beneficiaries at the request of the Maryland Classis, on account of inefficiency in his studies and lack of proper progress.

Moses A. Kieffer completed his studies, and was graduated, last May, from the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa. Shortly afterwards he was examined by the Mercersburg Classis and licensed to preach the Gospel. At present he is pastor of one of the congregations of the Eastern Synod.

All the other beneficiary students regularly on our roll a

year ago have been continued as such, and have been voted appropriations for the present academic or scholastic year in amounts varying from fifty to one hundred and fifty dollars each.

The following young men have been enrolled since our last annual report, namely: J. Edgar Lingenfelter, at the request of the Juniata Classis; Dallas R. Krebs, at the request of the Gettysburg Classis; Victor Albertus Barnhart, at that of the Mercersburg Classis; and W. H. Causey and S. W. Beck at the request of the North Carolina Classis.

Twenty-nine students have been aided in their studies by the Board, during the past year from October 1st, 1898, to October 1st, 1899, to the amount of \$3,200.51.

At present, twenty-five beneficiary students are on our roll, who hold their Classical connection as follows, namely: Gettysburg Classis, 5; Maryland Classis, 3; Mercersburg Classis, 4; Carlisle Classis, 4; Juniata Classis, 4; North Carolina Classis, 3; Zion's Classis, 1; and Virginia Classis, 1.

They are John W. Gilds, Charles B. Rebert, and Scott R. Wagner, *Seminary Seniors*; Joshua L. Bowers, W. Stuart Cramer, John S. Heffner, and John K. McKee, *Seminary Middlers*; Robert L. Bair, S. W. Beck, Joseph E. Guy, and Charles N. Waltman, *Seminary Juniors*; Blanchard A. Black, William H. Causey, John H. Dietrich, Aaron M. Gluck, and John E. Stone, *College Seniors*; John Alexander, Henry W. Kochenderfer, Vernon S. Rice, and Chalmers W. Walck, *College Juniors*; Victor A. Barnhart, Dallas R. Krebs, Howard R. Miller, and Charles E. Meyers, *College Sophomores*; and J. Edgar Lingenfelter, a *College Freshman*.

It becomes our painful duty to inform the Synod, that the Treasury of the Board is *empty* and overdrawn slightly, at this writing, October 9th—something that has not happened for many years.

It has been the experience of the Treasurer, that during the autumn and early winter months, the receipts into the Treasury of the Board have not been sufficient to pay the stipends of the young men as they became due. This lack of funds has been partly owing to the fact, that so many of the pastors fail to lift their collections for this arm of Church work until near the annual meetings of the Classes.

It is hardly necessary to remind the Synod, that the beneficiaries, as well as other students, are required to pay their contingent fees to the institutions at which they are studying, at the opening of each term or session. Very often they write for their appropriations for this particular purpose soon after the session opens. How can the Treasurer of the Board pay



them what has been solemnly promised them by their respective Classes, when the treasury is empty or practically without funds? To write to them and inform them of the situation does not relieve them, but only adds to the labors of the Treasurer and creates additional expense to the Board. The attention of the Synod is respectfully called to this matter.

For full twenty-four years I have now served the Church as Treasurer of its Board of Education without salary or compensation, which has never been asked or sought. I have, in the discharge of my office, written thousands of letters, and handled some sixty or seventy thousand dollars twice, without the loss of a dollar to the Synod. May I not then ask, that no additional unnecessary correspondence be required of me to inform the beneficiary students, that funds are lacking to make payments promised them?

The following arrearages are found existing on the apportionments for this cause, for the year, namely: Maryland Classis, \$389.66; Juniata Classis, \$175.00; Zion's Classis, \$331.99; Mercersburg Classis, \$16.37; Virginia Classis, \$100.00; and North Carolina Classis, \$200.00; making \$1,213.02, or more than one-fourth of the whole apportionment.

The Treasurer of the Board thankfully acknowledges the following sums as received for Beneficiary Education, during the fiscal year ending on the first of the present month, omitting dates of payment into the treasury, summarizing them when there have been two or more contributions from the same pastoral charge or congregation, and also including the amounts received from Sunday-schools, where offerings have been given by them, so as to prevent the sum total contributed by each pastoral charge, except in the case of those Classes where the sources of the contributions were not specified.

### **Report of Treasurer.**

#### RECEIPTS.

*Gettysburg Classis.*—Sources of contributions not specified, \$391.32; Emmanuel Reformed Church of Hanover, \$250.00; interest of Ditzler Bequest, \$50.75; and Refund of former beneficiary student, \$58.62. Making \$750.75.

*Maryland Classis.*—Sources of contribution not specified, \$586.34.

*Juniata Classis.*—Sources of contributions not specified, \$500.00.

*Mercersburg Classis.*—Waynesboro Charge, \$125.00; Zion's Church, of Chambersburg, \$70.00; Greencastle Church, \$48.00; Mercersburg Charge, \$42.00; Grindstonehill Charge, \$40.00; St. Paul's Charge of Waynesboro, \$35.00; Shippensburg Church, \$35.00; St. John's Church, of Chambersburg,

\$25.00; Loudon Charge, \$17.63; McConnellsburg Charge, \$5.00; St. Thomas Charge, \$5.00; Middleburg Church, \$5.00; and Interest on Jacob Stoudenour Legacy, \$12.00. Making \$464.63.

*Carlisle Classis.*—Zion's Charge, \$75.00; Landisburg Charge, \$57.00; Carlisle Church, \$50.00; Newport Charge, \$48.00; Mechanicsburg Church, \$35.00; Duncannon Charge, \$31.00; Carlisle Springs Charge, \$26.00; Newburg Church, \$22.05; New Bloomfield Church, \$10.00. Making \$354.05.

*Virginia Classis.*—Sources of contributions, not specified, \$200.00.

*Zion's Classis.*—\$148.01.

*North Carolina Classis.*—Sources of contributions not specified, \$100.00.

#### SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS.

|                                                            |                   |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Balance in Treasury at last report, October 1st, 1898..... | \$271 30          |
| Received from Gettysburg Classis.....                      | 750 75            |
| “ Maryland Classis.....                                    | 586 34            |
| “ Juniata Classis.....                                     | 500 00            |
| “ Mercersburg Classis.....                                 | 464 63            |
| “ Carlisle Classis.....                                    | 354 05            |
| “ Virginia Classis.....                                    | 200 00            |
| “ Zion's Classis.....                                      | 148 01            |
| “ North Carolina Classis.....                              | 100 00            |
| Total receipts.....                                        | <u>\$3,375 08</u> |

#### SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS.

|                                                         |                   |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Paid to beneficiary students of Gettysburg Classis..... | \$650 00          |
| “ “ Maryland Classis.....                               | 615 00            |
| “ “ Mercersburg Classis.....                            | 537 50            |
| “ “ Juniata Classis.....                                | 500 00            |
| “ “ Carlisle Classis.....                               | 350 00            |
| “ “ Virginia Classis.....                               | 150 00            |
| “ “ Zion's Classis.....                                 | 148 01            |
| “ “ North Carolina Classis.....                         | 250 00            |
| Postage, stationery and revenue stamps.....             | 5 17              |
| Balance in Treasury, October 1st, 1899.....             | 169 40            |
| Making.....                                             | <u>\$3,375 08</u> |

By order of the Board of Education.

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Treasurer.*

Account audited by Revs. A. S. Weber and Conrad Clever and found correct.

#### Report of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College.

The Board of Regents of Mercersburg College presented its annual report to the Synod, during the session of Wednesday forenoon, which was received and then referred to the Standing Committee on Education. The report is as follows:



*To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:*

The Regents of Mercersburg College beg leave to submit the following report:

The whole number of students enrolled for the year ending May 31, 1899, one hundred and seventy-two; of these fifty-seven finished the course. Total number enrolled up to date for the year beginning September, 1899, one hundred and sixty-six.

For the year ending May 31, 1899, the receipts were \$28,469.40; expenses, including salaries, \$24,440.18; earnings above expenses, \$4,029.92.

With a view of enlarging and extending the school there have been purchased during the year three tracts of land adjoining the present campus at a cost of three thousand nine hundred and sixty-six dollars. On one of these lots there is in course of construction a building which will cost about twenty-six thousand dollars. We expect to have it completed for the opening of the school year, September, 1900. This building will be known as the Sarah S. Keil Memorial Hall, in recognition of the very generous gift of her son.

Respectfully submitted,

W. RUSH GILLAN, *President.*

**Report of the Board of Directors of the Woman's College of Frederick, Md.**

*To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:*

The Board of Directors of the Woman's College of Frederick, Md., begs leave to submit its sixth annual report.

At the annual meeting in April, 1899, the Board organized by the re-election of the same officers as last year.

It affords us pleasure to report the past as our most successful year.

The number of students enrolled was 174, of whom 68 were boarders.

A senior class of twelve was graduated, three in the Classic, eight in the Scientific, and one in the Certificate or English course.

Five were graduated in Piano, one of whom was also in the Classic Course, making in the various departments a total of sixteen graduates.

For the year ending July 1, 1899, the gross receipts from all sources was \$16,254.44.

Expenses, including rents, salaries, repairs, losses, etc., \$15,443.97.

Net gain for the year, \$810.47.

Assets in fixtures, furniture, supplies, etc., August 1, 1898, \$2,143.53.

Assets in fixtures, furniture, supplies, etc., August 1, 1899, \$2,945.00.

The rentals of the College and Conservatory, for the year, have been paid.

The reports of the several Treasurers have been examined and found correct.

There has been no increase either in the Endowment or equipment fund during the year.

Amount of Endowment in hand, \$22,078.10.

Notes, pledges and subscriptions due, \$625.00.

The accommodations of the College, even with the added Conservatory Building, were taxed and at some points congested last year. To overcome this, several minor changes in the buildings have been made. The Primary Department has been discontinued. Only its advanced classes of last year have been retained. The Department does not belong to the provision for a College course; it has never been of financial benefit to us, and we now need the room.

By discontinuing the Primary Department, we have been enabled to relieve the crowded condition of the College Dining Hall, by establishing a colony in the Conservatory Building, and placing over its boarding department, Mrs. Gring, who for the past six years has been matron at the College.

During the summer, a much-needed improvement in the line of progress has been made. A story was added to the corridor connecting East and West Hall, thereby improving the ventilation, and providing direct access between the second floor of the two buildings.

The brick building in the rear of the corridor was raised another story, and an Infirmary constructed, containing a Physician's consulting room, Nurse's room, bath room, and a large room divided by folding doors for the care of the sick.

This improvement was made under the direction of your Board at the cost of about \$1,000, on which amount we are to pay six per cent. interest as additional rent. This makes the aggregate of annual rental now paid, \$1,400, applied as follows: Frederick Female Seminary Plant, \$1,060; Conservatory Building, \$340.

We have now had control of the Frederick Female Seminary Plant for six years, during which time it has been extended and improved at eight important points. The capacity of the original building was doubled by certain internal changes, a modern heating plant was introduced, wiring was introduced for electric lighting, a chemical Laboratory was secured, then a Library, then a Gymnasium, then a Music and Art Conservatory, and now an Infirmary. These extensions are all modern and represent effective advances.



The needs yet unprovided for are the equipping of a Physical Laboratory, and the providing of machinery for our Laundry and Bakery; in which list might be included the standing need of large additions to the Library and to the Endowment Fund. Several changes have been made in the Faculty, but in all cases vacancies have been filled with the view of upholding and advancing the already high standard of the teachers.

We are today better equipped and manned to do the work we have undertaken than at any former period.

The College re-opened September 12, 1899, under auspicious circumstances. The enrollment of students at this date is 133, of whom 59 are boarders.

Every department is in good working order.

Help us to secure the daughters of the Church within this Synod who go from home for an education; give us a just proportion of the money contributed for educational institutions, and you will enable us to further expand the work and increase its efficiency, the result of which will be to enrich the lives of those who help to mould the characters of the generations to come. In the true conception of education, the distinction of the sexes must remain. Modern ideas cannot destroy nature. Woman is not man, and as she differs from man in nature, so she also differs in functions. Her true education will enlarge her sphere, it will widen her circle of influence, it will give her prominence, exaltation and dignity, but it must remain still, a circle of womanly service, wherein the graces of sisterhood or motherhood may flourish and shed abroad their beneficent influence. This is the thought that pervades the College, and for the accomplishment of this purpose we ask your co-operation.

The Board hereby expresses its appreciation of the interest which the Church is taking in the College, and we hope to merit your continued and increasing support.

The time of service of Gen. John E. Roller will expire December 31, 1899, and his successor should be chosen at this meeting of Synod. Respectfully submitted.

E. R. ESCHBACH,

*President Board of Directors.*

FREDERICK, MD., October 24, 1899.

**Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.**

*To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:*

BRETHREN: The undersigned respectfully presents to your reverend body the report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary for the year 1898-1899.

I. The institution was opened September 8th, 1898, when

the following persons were admitted to the *Junior Class*: J. M. Bean, F. S. Borkey, J. L. Bowers, Wm. S. Cramer, Wm. F. Curtis, A. C. Dieffenbach, I. H. DeLong, W. F. DeLong, H. L. Fogleman, J. T. Fox, W. E. Harr, A. W. Kaske, J. H. Keller, W. A. Kepner, H. R. Kreider, G. W. Kerstetter, E. E. Kresge, D. L. Laudenslager, C. Long, H. Obold, R. J. Pilgram, H. H. Rupp, D. I. Schaeffer, W. G. Seiple, W. C. Slough, H. H. Wiant. Of these, twenty-three are college graduates: Of F. and M. College, 19; of Calvin, 1; of Catawba, 1; of Ursinus, 1; of Johns Hopkins, 1. Total, 26.

2. The *Middle Class* consists of the students who were admitted to the *Junior Class* in 1897. Total, 11.

3. One member of the *Senior Class* was expelled in January last. Three members were admitted at the opening of the Seminary year: Wm. E. Lampe, from Princeton Theological Seminary, and Joseph P. Ratzell and Robert F. Reed, from Union Theological Seminary. The members of this class stood approved examinations, and the testimonial of graduation was granted them. They are: J. K. Adams, E. L. Coblentz, C. E. Correll, J. F. Dechant, C. H. Faust, W. S. Fisher, A. H. Ginder, G. G. Greenawald, M. A. Kieffer, W. G. Klein, C. H. Knight, W. E. Lampe, W. H. Millhouse, W. A. McClellan, J. P. Ratzell, R. F. Reed, H. N. Smith, S. H. Stein, W. D. Yearick. Total, 19.

4. Rev. A. C. Snyder, having pursued the post-graduate course prescribed by the catalogue, was named to the college faculty with the recommendation that he receive the degree of B.D. The degree was conferred by the Board of Trustees of the College.

5. Three special lectures were delivered during the winter term by Rev. A. J. Heller, D.D., Rev. C. Clever, D.D., and Rev. C. J. Musser. Missionary day was observed by special services, the consideration of missionary topics and a liberal collection for missions. Addresses were made by Rev. G. Stibitz, and Rev. Dr. Burrell, of the Collegiate Reformed Dutch church, New York.

6. Satisfactory arrangements were made with Prof. Claude B. Davis for the continuance of his valuable instruction in elocution and oratory during the entire year. Measures looking toward the permanent employment of a Professor of Oratory were taken by the Board, a committee of which was instructed to act conjointly with the Board of Trustees of the College. In this connection the following action is respectfully referred to the favorable consideration of your reverend body:

*Resolved*, That the Board of Visitors overtures the three Synods to provide the sum of \$600 for the year 1899-1900, for a teacher of elocution, to be divided as follows: Eastern



Synod, \$300; Potomac Synod, \$200; Pittsburg Synod, \$100.

7. Owing to the decease of our esteemed Professor, Thos. G. Apple, D.D., the course in Church History was provided for as follows: *Juniors*, once a week, under Dr. Bowman; *Middlers*, once a week, under Dr. Gast; *Seniors*, twice a week under Dr. Rupp. The extra labors of these brethren were gratefully appreciated by the Board.

8. Excepting the sad case of discipline reported above, the students maintained a good standing as to Christian character. However, cases of absence from recitation and from the religious services of the institution, were too frequent, and for reasons which the Board could not approve. It therefore directed the Faculty to prepare a record sheet to contain information concerning the studies and conduct of each student during the year. The design of such record is also to furnish the Classes with a more detailed report than they now receive of the standing and progress of the students under their care.

ELLIS N. KREMER, *Secretary*.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Sept. 20, 1899.

**Report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.**

*To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:*

DEAR BRETHREN: Enclosed find the annual report of John B. Roth, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary:

During the past year the Board held two regular meetings. The first meeting was held on May 9, 1899, when the following officers were elected: President, Geo. N. Forney; Vice-President, John D. Skiles; Treasurer, John B. Roth, and Secretary, Jeremiah S. Hess.

The second meeting was held October 5th, 1899.

The Treasurer reported that he had received one thousand dollars (\$1,000) from Lewis Shriver, to be known as the Andrew Keiser and Catharine W. Shriver Alcove Fund.

The Board was obliged to incur necessary expenses upon the building occupied by Rev. G. W. Richards, Professor of Church History, amounting to nearly eight hundred dollars (\$800).

Rev. Dr. J. I. Swander, the agent for the Sarah Ellen and Nevin Ambrose Swander Memorial Fund, reported that he had twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200) in hand, which he is prepared to turn over to the proper authorities, after action has been taken by the Pittsburgh Synod and the Faculty of the Theological Seminary.

The Board passed the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the proposition of Dr. and Mrs. Swander be accepted, and that the matter be referred to the Pittsburgh

Synod and the Faculty of the Theological Seminary, for such action as may be required in the premises, and that Rev. Dr. William Rupp be appointed to present this matter to the bodies above referred to.

The Treasurer reported that he had received the sum of nineteen hundred dollars (\$1,900) from the executors of the Laird Estate.

The following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That in addition to the amount that may be assumed by the Synods to meet the deficiency in the current expense account, they be requested to make full provision for the payment of the necessary improvements, recently made in the professor's house, now occupied by Professor Richards and his family, amounting to eight hundred dollars (\$800).

The attention of the Synods is respectfully called to the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That the Synods be again requested to apportion twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200) toward the payment of the current expenses, and eight hundred dollars (\$800) in payment of the extraordinary expenses incurred in necessary improvements to the house occupied by Prof. Richards, in the following ratio:

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| Eastern Synod.....    | \$900. |
| Pittsburgh Synod..... | 300.   |
| Potomac Synod.....    | 600.   |

*Resolved*, That the Synod's attention be called to the fact that owing to the failure of the Synods in paying over the amounts annually required for current expenses, the treasury is constantly overdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,

HELLERTOWN, Pa., Oct. 5, 1899.

JER. S. HESS,  
*Secretary.*

#### **Treasurer's Report.**

LANCASTER, October 2, 1899.

John B. Roth, Treasurer, in account with the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States.

| 1898.    |                                                   | DR. |         |
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| Oct. 1.  | For interest, Isaac Heyser.....                   |     | \$30 00 |
| Oct. 1.  | " E. L. Stehman, to Oct. 1, 1898....              |     | 30 00   |
| Oct. 1.  | " Geo. W. Schroyer, to Oct. 1, 1898....           |     | 120 00  |
| Oct. 1.  | " A. A. & A. Fritz, to Oct. 1, 1898....           |     | 78 00   |
| Oct. 3.  | " Saml. M. Keen, to Oct. 1, 1898....              |     | 75 00   |
| Oct. 3.  | " W. H. Rinier, on account.....                   |     | 40 00   |
| Oct. 3.  | " Loan .....                                      |     | 12 50   |
| Oct. 3.  | " Lancaster Trac. Co. Bonds, to Oct. 1, 1898..... |     | 137 50  |
| Oct. 12. | " Kieffer Legacy, to Oct. 1, 1899....             |     | 237 50  |
| Oct. 15. | " Cook Legacy, to Oct. 1, 1899.....               |     | 30 00   |



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| Oct. 15.  | For interest, S. R. Wolfersberger, on account..                      | \$ 20 00 |
| Oct. 17.  | " Simmons property, on account....                                   | 4 00     |
| Oct. 21.  | " P. M. Ermantrout, to April 1, 1898                                 | 140 00   |
| Oct. 21.  | " P. M. Ermantrout, on account.....                                  | 60 00    |
| Nov. 1.   | " Baltimore & Harrisburg Bonds,<br>to Nov. 1, 1898.....              | 23 00    |
| Nov. 1.   | " Scranton Traction Co. Bonds, to<br>Nov. 1, 1898.....               | 30 00    |
| Nov. 1.   | " Sunbury, Hazleton & Wilkesbarre<br>R. R. Bonds, to Nov. 1, 1898... | 28 00    |
| Nov. 5.   | " John F. Bassler, on account.....                                   | 12 50    |
| Nov. 21.  | " Simmons property, rent, \$8.00;<br>Dec. 31, \$6.00.....            | 14 00    |
| Nov. 28.  | " St. John's Luth. Church Bonds, to<br>Nov. 1, 1898.....             | 106 00   |
| Dec. 1.   | " Lehigh Val. R. R. Bonds, to Dec.<br>1, 1898.....                   | 150 00   |
| Dec. 5.   | " Loan .....                                                         | 15 00    |
| Dec. 14.  | " Mercersburg Classis, to Jan. 1, '99                                | 12 00    |
| Dec. 14.  | " St. Stephen's Chapel, to Oct. 29, '98                              | 6 00     |
| Dec. 20.  | " Lane & Co., to Oct. 1, 1898.....                                   | 42 50    |
| 1899.     |                                                                      |          |
| Jan. 2.   | " Lebanon E. L. Co., dividend to<br>Jan. 1, 1899.....                | 17 40    |
| Jan. 28.  | " C. Ahrens Mort., to Feb. 1 1899...                                 | 180 00   |
| Jan. 28.  | " W. U. Hensel, on account.....                                      | 25 00    |
| Feb. 20.  | " S. R. Wolfersberger, on account..                                  | 12 00    |
| Feb. 25.  | " E. E. Smith, in full.....                                          | 61 00    |
| Mar. 8.   | " Springfield W. Co. Bonds, to<br>March 1, 1899.....                 | 37 50    |
| Mar. 8.   | " Berwyn W. C. Bonds, to March<br>1, 1899.....                       | 60 00    |
| Mar. 15.  | " S. R. Wolfersberger, on account..                                  | 15 00    |
| Mar. 15.  | " Jacob Heyser, on account.....                                      | 200 00   |
| Mar. 21.  | " A. A. Fritz, to April 1, 1899.....                                 | 78 00    |
| Mar. 22.  | " Simmon property, on account....                                    | 8 00     |
| Mar. 28.  | " Aaron Cunkle, to April 1, 1899....                                 | 38 50    |
| Mar. 29.  | " Isaac S. Groff, to April 1, 1899....                               | 82 50    |
| Mar. 29.  | " Geo. W. Schroyer, to April 1, 1899                                 | 120 00   |
| Mar. 30.  | " M. B. Hartman, to April 1, 1899...                                 | 155 55   |
| Mar. 30.  | " W. U. Hensel, to April 14, 1899...                                 | 180 00   |
| Mar. 30.  | " W. U. Hensel, to April 1, 1899....                                 | 145 00   |
| Mar. 30.  | " F. J. Westley, to April 1, 1899.....                               | 48 00    |
| Mar. 30.  | " S. M. Keen, to April 1, 1899.....                                  | 75 00    |
| April 1.  | " Henry Keen, to April 1, 1899.....                                  | 60 00    |
| April 1.  | " S. C. Johnson, to April 1, 1899....                                | 90 00    |
| April 3.  | " G. & E. Carbaugh, to April 1, 1899                                 | 110 00   |
| April 4.  | " Lancaster Trac. Co., to April 1, '99                               | 137 50   |
| April 8.  | " W. F. Hambright, to April 17, 1899                                 | 75 00    |
| April 11. | " Kieffer Legacy, to April 1, 1899...                                | 237 50   |
| April 11. | " Cook Legacy, to April 1, 1899.....                                 | 30 00    |
| Mar. 12.  | " W. S. Martin, Treas., to April 1, '99                              | 100 00   |
| April 13. | " S. R. Wolfersberger, on account..                                  | 15 00    |
| April 22. | " Loan .....                                                         | 1 60     |
| May 1.    | " Simmons property, on account....                                   | 8 00     |
| May 4.    | " Lehigh Classis, to April 1, 1899....                               | 30 00    |
| May 10.   | " W. End Trac. Bond, to May 1, '99.                                  | 2 50     |
| May 10.   | " Scranton Trac. Co. Bond, May 1, '99                                | 30 00    |

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| May 10.   | For interest, Sunbury H. & W. Bond, to May 1, 1899.....      | \$ 28 00 |
| May 10.   | " Baltimore & H. R. R. Bond, to May 1, 1899.....             | 23 00    |
| May 17.   | " Rev. J. C. Bowman, on account...                           | 50 00    |
| May 18.   | " P. M. Ermantout, on account....                            | 100 00   |
| May 30.   | " Zion's Classis, to June 1, 1899.....                       | 3 04     |
| June 1.   | " Lehigh Val. R. R. Bonds, to June 1, 1899.....              | 150 00   |
| June 1.   | " St. John's Luth. Church Bonds, to May 15, 1899.....        | 106 00   |
| June 1.   | " Loan .....                                                 | 7 50     |
| June 5.   | " Simmons property, June rent, 1899                          | 8 00     |
| June 12.  | " Gay, Bair & Lane.....                                      | 13 78    |
| June 13.  | " Lebanon E. L. Co., in full.....                            | 31 30    |
| June 13.  | " Lane & Co., to June 9, 1899.....                           | 48 58    |
| June 13.  | " Amos Christ, to April 1, 1899.....                         | 90 00    |
| June 14.  | " P. M. Ermantout, to April 1, 1899                          | 110 00   |
| June 15.  | " Jacob Heyser, in full to date.....                         | 360 67   |
| July 10.  | " Harrisburg Bridge dividend, July 1, 1899.....              | 4 50     |
| July 11.  | " Allemannia Fire Ins. Co., dividend Nos. 47 and 48.....     | 40 00    |
| July 14.  | " St. John's Reformed Church, Shamokin, to June 1, 1899..... | 25 00    |
| July 19.  | " Wyoming Classis, to July 1, 1899...                        | 15 00    |
| July 24.  | " S. R. Wolfersberger, on account...                         | 10 00    |
| Aug. 15.  | " Loan, to date.....                                         | 71 25    |
| Aug. 17.  | " Simmons property, rent.....                                | 3 00     |
| Aug. 22.  | " S. R. Wolfersberger, to April 1, '99                       | 10 50    |
| Aug. 31.  | " Berwyn W. Bonds, to Sept. 1, 1899                          | 60 00    |
| Aug. 31.  | " Springfield W. Bonds, to Sept. 1, '99                      | 37 50    |
| Sept. 1.  | " Goodell Sons Co. Mort., to Sept. 1, '99                    | 60 00    |
| Sept. 9.  | " Geo. W. Schroyer, to Oct. 1, 1899..                        | 115 84   |
| Sept. 13. | " A. A. Fritz, on account.....                               | 68 80    |
| Sept. 15. | " Locher Sons, to date.....                                  | 250 00   |
| Sept. 18. | " W. U. Hensel, to coupons.....                              | 25 00    |
| Sept. 19. | " Rev. J. C. Bowman, to Oct. 1, 1899                         | 75 00    |
| Sept. 21. | " E. M. Eshleman, to Oct. 1, 1899...                         | 162 00   |
| Sept. 25. | " Loan, to Oct. 1, 1899.....                                 | 15 00    |
| Sept. 26. | " E. Smithgall, to Oct. 1, 1899.....                         | 27 50    |
| Sept. 27. | " A. A. Fritz, to Oct. 1, 1899.....                          | 9 20     |
| Sept. 29. | " Sem'y Aid transferred in part.....                         | 591 21   |
| Sept. 30. | " Simmons property, rent.....                                | 3 00     |
| Sept. 30. | " Lancaster Trac. Co., to Oct. 1, 1899                       | 137 50   |

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| Oct. 1.  | By balance due Treasurer to date.....           | \$4,948 75 |
| Oct. 1.  | " Frankford & Heinitsh.....                     | 5 10       |
| Oct. 1.  | " C. B. Davis, elocation.....                   | 50 00      |
| Oct. 6.  | " B. B. Martin & Co., coal bill.....            | 181 42     |
| Oct. 6.  | " Electric light bill for September, 1898.....  | 1 30       |
| Oct. 7.  | " Treasurer's salary to Oct. 1, 1898.....       | 75 00      |
| Oct. 12. | " Wickersham Printing Co., bill.....            | 2 75       |
| Oct. 12. | " Sem'y water bill, by meter.....               | 5 85       |
| Oct. 24. | " Insurance on Becker property.....             | 6 89       |
| Nov. 7.  | " Mrs. Thos. G. Apple, by order of Board....    | 100 00     |
| Nov. 7.  | " Sem'y electric light bill, Nov. 1, 1898:..... | 4 30       |



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| Nov. 7.   | By Sem'y gas bill, Nov. 1, 1898.....                                 | \$ 1 30 |
| Nov. 7.   | " E. V. Gerhart, D.D., salary account.....                           | 200 00  |
| Nov. 7.   | " F. A. Gast, D.D., salary account.....                              | 200 00  |
| Nov. 7.   | " Jas. Smithgall, janitor, on account.....                           | 50 00   |
| Nov. 14.  | " Sem'y ad. in Church Almanac, 1899.....                             | 20 00   |
| Dec. 5.   | " E. V. Gerhart, D.D., salary to Jan. 1, 1899....                    | 175 00  |
| Dec. 5.   | " F. A. Gast, D.D., salary to Jan. 1, 1899.....                      | 175 00  |
| Dec. 6.   | " C. B. Davis, elocution.....                                        | 125 00  |
| Dec. 10.  | " Sem'y electric light bill for November.....                        | 3 20    |
| Dec. 22.  | " Jas. Smithgall, janitor, on account.....                           | 100 00  |
| Dec. 24.  | " Treasurer's salary to Jan. 1, 1899.....                            | 75 00   |
| 1899.     |                                                                      |         |
| Jan. 6.   | " Electric light bill to Jan. 1, 1899.....                           | 3 68    |
| Jan. 8.   | " Sem'y water bill, by meter, to Jan. 1, 1899....                    | 15 75   |
| Jan. 21.  | " Int. to Jan. 1, '99, on Bowman Trust Fund....                      | 12 00   |
| Jan. 28.  | " John H. Brown's bill for work.....                                 | 18 50   |
| Feb. 2.   | " John Best's bill.....                                              | 2 61    |
| Feb. 8.   | " Sem'y electric light bill for January, 1899....                    | 2 96    |
| Feb. 8.   | " E. V. Gerhart, D.D., salary on account.....                        | 200 00  |
| Feb. 8.   | " F. A. Gast, D.D., salary on account.....                           | 200 00  |
| Feb. 23.  | " L. B. Herr's bill.....                                             | 1 50    |
| Mar. 2.   | " Sem'y electric light bill for February, 1899....                   | 3 36    |
| Mar. 3.   | " Jacob Pontz, brick bill.....                                       | 2 50    |
| Mar. 6.   | " E. V. Gerhart, D.D., salary to April 1, 1899....                   | 175 00  |
| Mar. 6.   | " F. A. Gast, D.D., salary to April 1, 1899.....                     | 175 00  |
| Mar. 8.   | " Treasurer's salary to April 1, 1899.....                           | 75 00   |
| Mar. 16.  | " Samuel Lander's bill of painting.....                              | 96 00   |
| Mar. 23.  | " Jas. Smithgall, janitor, on salary.....                            | 100 00  |
| Mar. 23.  | " Rissner's bill.....                                                | 88      |
| Mar. 23.  | " Henry F. Auxer's bill of repairs.....                              | 43 66   |
| Mar. 23.  | " John W. Brook's bill.....                                          | 2 50    |
| Mar. 25.  | " Post. of stamps, E. V. G., catalogues.....                         | 6 00    |
| Mar. 28.  | " Bill of sundries for Seminary.....                                 | 6 38    |
| Mar. 29.  | " Jas. Smithgall, janitor, to April 1, 1899.....                     | 40 00   |
| April 7.  | " B. B. Martin & Co., lumber bill.....                               | 20 00   |
| April 7.  | " B. B. Martin & Co., coal bill.....                                 | 74 63   |
| April 7.  | " Sem'y electric light bill for March, 1899.....                     | 2 96    |
| April 10. | " Water bill by meter, to April 1, 1899.....                         | 4 00    |
| April 11. | " Lancaster "Intelligencer," bill for catalogues                     | 61 15   |
| April 13. | " Simmons property, tax, 1898.....                                   | 8 10    |
| April 13. | " B. B. Martin & Co., coal.....                                      | 30 00   |
| April 13. | " Hager Bros.' bill, paper hanging, etc.....                         | 75 00   |
| April 14. | " Work at Professor's house.....                                     | 6 52    |
| April 19. | " Int. paid on Sacred Rhetoric Fund, May 9, '99                      | 20 23   |
| April 25. | " Smithgall's bill, digging pits, etc.....                           | 50 00   |
| May 2.    | " City water tax on Professor's and Janitor's<br>houses.....         | 43 20   |
| May 2.    | " Sem'y electric light bill for April, 1899.....                     | 80      |
| May 3.    | " Geo. W. Hull's bill.....                                           | 57      |
| May 3.    | " Int. to May 8, '99, on Schaff Prize Fund.....                      | 100 00  |
| May 5.    | " F. A. Gast, D.D., on salary.....                                   | 200 00  |
| May 5.    | " E. V. Gerhart, D.D., on salary.....                                | 200 00  |
| May 5.    | " Smaltz Fund, interest to April 1, 1899.....                        | 125 00  |
| May 12.   | " Fridy's bill of work E. V. G.....                                  | 4 00    |
| May 20.   | " Sundry bills paid.....                                             | 2 23    |
| May 24.   | " Five years' interest on Seminary property, to<br>May 30, 1904..... | 420 00  |
| May 31.   | " Repairing roof.....                                                | 2 25    |
| June 2.   | " Sem'y electric light bill for May, 1899.....                       | 1 76    |

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| June 6.   | By E. V. Gerhart, D.D., salary to July 1, 1899...                 | \$175 00 |
| June 6.   | " F. A. Gast, D.D., salary to July 1, 1899.....                   | 175 00   |
| June 6.   | " Sem'y ad, in "Oriflamme," 1899.....                             | 10 00    |
| June 13.  | " Lancaster Trust Co., Treasurer's bond.....                      | 50 00    |
| June 14.  | " Samuel Lander's bill, painting.....                             | 15 00    |
| June 23.  | " Wheelbarrow for Seminary use.....                               | 3 00     |
| June 26.  | " Treasurer's salary to July 1, 1899.....                         | 108 33   |
| June 27.  | " Jacob Pontz's bill.....                                         | 2 10     |
| June 30.  | " Lane & Co. bill, safe, desk and L. press.....                   | 25 00    |
| July 3.   | " E. V. Gerhart, D.D., on salary.....                             | 200 00   |
| July 7.   | " Sem'y electric light bill, 80c.; P. O. box, \$1..               | 1 80     |
| July 10.  | " Simmons property, repairs.....                                  | 1 00     |
| July 10.  | " Gerhart property, repairs.....                                  | 2 50     |
| July 15.  | " Sem'y water bill, by meter.....                                 | 4 75     |
| July 17.  | " Fire tax on Simmons property.....                               | 5 80     |
| Aug. 1.   | " Stoner, Shreiner & Co., bill.....                               | 41 91    |
| Aug. 1.   | " Sundry bills paid.....                                          | 3 10     |
| Aug. 2.   | " Herr & Snaveley's bill.....                                     | 3 00     |
| Aug. 11.  | " F. A. Gast, D.D., on salary.....                                | 200 00   |
| Aug. 17.  | " Stoner, Shreiner & Co., bill.....                               | 50       |
| Aug. 23.  | " D. S. Miller's bill.....                                        | 4 40     |
| Sept. 1.  | " E. V. Gerhart, D.D., salary to Oct. 1, 1899...                  | 175 00   |
| Sept. 1.  | " F. A. Gast, D.D., salary to Oct. 1, 1899.....                   | 175 00   |
| Sept. 2.  | " Treasurer's salary, on account.....                             | 40 00    |
| Sept. 5.  | " Sem'y electric light bill for August, 1899....                  | 80       |
| Sept. 5.  | " Sundry bills for labor.....                                     | 1 69     |
| Sept. 9.  | " E. J. Wisner's bill of repairs.....                             | 5 00     |
| Sept. 11. | " Interest paid on Smaltz Fund, to Oct. 1, 1899                   | 125 00   |
| Sept. 11. | " Interest paid on Clopp Legacy, to Oct. 1, '99                   | 40 00    |
| Sept. 11. | " W. U. Hensel, Atty., prof. serv. to Oct. 1, '99                 | 50 00    |
| Sept. 11. | " Library Fund, interest paid to Oct. 1, 1899...                  | 52 80    |
| Sept. 11. | " Jacob Forney Alcove Fund, int. to Oct. 1, '99                   | 45 00    |
| Sept. 11. | " Henry Wirt Alcove Fund, int. to Oct. 1, 1899                    | 45 00    |
| Sept. 11. | " Louis E. Schriver Alc. Fund, int. to Oct. 1, '99                | 26 67    |
| Sept. 11. | " Sem'y Class '94 Alc. Fund, int. to Oct. 1, '99                  | 8 00     |
| Sept. 19. | " Error in Cr. of July 14, 1899, St. John's Ch.,<br>Shamokin..... | 25 00    |
| Sept. 26. | " Jas. Smithgall, salary to Oct. 1, 1899.....                     | 210 00   |
| Sept. 27. | " H. L. Heisse, electrical bill.....                              | 12 50    |

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| Sept. 30. | Amount Dr. brought forward..... | 6,865 72 |
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| Oct. 1. | Balance due Treasurer..... | \$4,345 48 |
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**Seminary Aid Fund.**

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| 1898.    | DR.                                                                          |         |
| Oct. 5.  | To amount paid by Tohickon Classis.....                                      | \$16 00 |
| Oct. 12. | To amount paid by John J. Nissley, Treasurer<br>Eastern Synod.....           | 89 00   |
| Oct. 15. | To amount paid by Geo. N. Forney, Treasurer<br>Potomac Synod.....            | 140 00  |
| Oct. 17. | To amount paid by John J. Nissley, Treasurer<br>Eastern Synod.....           | 23 00   |
| 1899.    |                                                                              |         |
| March 8. | To amount paid by Rev. J. B. Henry, Treas-<br>urer Philadelphia Classis..... | 3 00    |
| April 8. | To amount paid by Dr. J. H. Pennebecker,<br>Treasurer Lancaster Classis..... | 27 25   |



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| April 11. | To amount paid by John J. Nissley, Treasurer Eastern Synod.....         | \$24 00 |
| May 1.    | To amount paid by Church of the Ascension, Norristown.....              | 13 00   |
| May 4.    | To amount paid by A. J. Heller, D.D., Treasurer Pittsburgh Synod.....   | 100 00  |
| May 5.    | To amount paid by Rev. J. B. Henry, Treasurer Philadelphia Classis..... | 8 00    |
| May 8.    | To amount paid by D. B. Mauger, Treasurer Goshenhoppen Classis.....     | 45 94   |
| May 10.   | To amount paid by I. G. Gerhart, Treasurer Tohickon Classis.....        | 40 83   |
| June 1.   | To amount paid by George Hill, Treasurer East Susquehanna Classis.....  | 25 81   |
| Sept. 1.  | To amount paid by Geo. N. Forney, Treasurer Potomac Synod.....          | 242 62  |
| Sept. 1.  | To amount paid by John J. Nissley, Treasurer Eastern Synod.....         | 12 00   |
| Sept. 4.  | To amount paid by A. J. Heller, D.D., Treasurer Pittsburgh Synod.....   | 150 00  |
| Sept. 15. | To amount paid by Tohickon Classis, I. G. Gerhart, Treasurer.....       | 16 00   |

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\$976 45

Less the sum of \$385.24, deducted and credited to Seminary Grounds Account. Special.....

385 24

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Charged to Treasurer, September 29, 1899, in his account to the Board.....

\$591 21

**Library Fund of Theological Seminary.**

Amount of fund is.....

1,819 96

1898.

DR.

|           |                                                          |          |
|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Oct. 1.   | For balance due fund.....                                | \$122 01 |
| Oct. 1.   | For interest paid by John Meily to January 1, '97, 1899. | 60 00    |
| May 11.   | For interest paid by John Meily to January 1, '98,       | 30 00    |
| Sept. 11. | For interest paid by Treasurer to October 1 '99..        | 52 80    |

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\$264 81

1898.

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|-----------|-----------------------------------------|--------|
| Oct. 7.   | By order paid W. H. Millhouse.....      | \$8 04 |
| Oct. 11.  | " " F. A. Gast, D.D.....                | 4 75   |
| Nov. 17.  | " order per W. Rupp, D.D., Sec'y...     | 11 16  |
| Nov. 22.  | " " W. Rupp, D.D., Sec'y...             | 15 20  |
| Dec. 8.   | " " W. Rupp, D.D., Sec'y...             | 11 65  |
| 1899.     |                                         |        |
| Feb. 20.  | " " W. Rupp, D.D., Sec'y...             | 8 10   |
| Mar. 2.   | " " W. Rupp, D.D., Sec'y...             | 2 30   |
| April 20. | " bill paid for ocean freight, etc..... | 11 55  |
| April 29. | " Dr. Rupp's order as Sec'y.....        | 5 42   |
| June 23.  | " Moore & Co. bill, of London, Eng.     | 32 08  |
| June 23.  | " Scribner's Sons' bill.....            | 1 23   |
| July 11.  | " Order of Dr. Rupp, Sec'y.....         | 2 30   |
| July 24.  | " Order of Dr. Rupp, Sec'y.....         | 3 62   |
| July 24.  | " Order of Dr. Rupp, Sec., May 8, '99   | 2 50   |
| Oct. 1.   | Balance due fund.....                   | 144 91 |

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\$264 81

Oct. 1. Balance due fund is.....\$144 91

**Smaltz Fund Account.**

|         |  |                                                                             |            |
|---------|--|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| 1899.   |  | Principal is.....                                                           | \$5,000 00 |
|         |  | DR.                                                                         |            |
| Oct. 1. |  | For interest received on same from October 1, 1898, to October 1, 1899..... | 250 00     |
| 1899.   |  | CR.                                                                         |            |
| Oct. 1. |  | By amount paid John Hertzler, Treasurer of Board of Education.....          | \$250 00   |

**William A. Wilt Fund.**

|         |  |                                                                                                            |          |
|---------|--|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
|         |  | Amount of Fund is.....                                                                                     | \$833 33 |
| 1899.   |  |                                                                                                            |          |
| Oct. 1. |  | Interest on same to October 1, 1899, is \$41.66, and accounted for in Treasurer's Current Expense Account. |          |

**Schaff Prize Fund in Church History.**

|        |  |                                    |              |
|--------|--|------------------------------------|--------------|
|        |  | Principal is.....                  | \$2,000 75   |
| 1899.  |  |                                    |              |
| May 8. |  | For interest due Fund to date..... | \$114 95     |
| 1899.  |  | CR.                                |              |
| May 8. |  | By prize paid Chas. E. Correll..   | \$100 00     |
|        |  | By sundry charges.....             | 1 48         |
|        |  |                                    | <hr/> 101 48 |
| May 8. |  | Due Fund.....                      | \$13 47      |

**Fund in Sacred Rhetoric.**

|        |  |                                   |               |
|--------|--|-----------------------------------|---------------|
|        |  | Amount of Fund is.....            | \$465 47      |
| 1899.  |  | DR.                               |               |
| May 8. |  | For interest on Fund to date..... | \$20 23       |
|        |  | CR.                               |               |
| May 8. |  | By prize paid Robt. M. Kern....   | \$20 00       |
|        |  | By sundry charges.....            | 23            |
|        |  |                                   | <hr/> \$20 23 |

**The John L. Riegel Fund.**

|  |  |                                                                                                                                               |             |
|--|--|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
|  |  | Amount of Fund is.....                                                                                                                        | \$15,680 00 |
|  |  | Interest on same from October 1, 1898, to October 1, 1899, accounted for by Treasurer in his Current Expense Account of Theological Seminary. |             |

**Jacob Forney Seminary Alcove Fund.**

|           |  |                                       |                |
|-----------|--|---------------------------------------|----------------|
|           |  | Amount of Fund is.....                | \$1,000 00     |
| Oct. 1.   |  | To balance due fund.....              | \$144 15       |
| 1899.     |  |                                       |                |
| Sept. 11. |  | Interest on fund to Oct. 1, 1899..... | 45 00          |
|           |  |                                       | <hr/> \$189 15 |
|           |  | CR.                                   |                |
| 1898.     |  |                                       |                |
| Nov. 17.  |  | By order paid. Dr. Rupp, Sec'y.....   | \$2 84         |
| Nov. 22.  |  | " " ".....                            | 5 50           |
| Dec. 3.   |  | " " ".....                            | 15 25          |



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|-----------|-------------------------------------|----------|--|----------|
| 1899.     |                                     |          |  |          |
| Feb. 20.  | By order paid. Dr. Rupp, Sec'y..... | \$2 50   |  |          |
| Mar. 2.   | " " ".....                          | 5 40     |  |          |
| April 29. | " " ".....                          | 6 00     |  |          |
| June 23.  | By Moore & Co., bill.....           | 3 94     |  |          |
| June 23.  | " Order of Dr. Rupp, Sec'y.....     | 2 50     |  |          |
| Oct. 1.   | " Balance due fund.....             | 145 22   |  |          |
|           |                                     |          |  | \$189 15 |
| Oct. 1.   | Balance due fund.....               | \$145 22 |  |          |

#### Henry Wirt Seminary Alcove Fund.

|           |                                          |          |            |          |
|-----------|------------------------------------------|----------|------------|----------|
|           | Amount of Fund is.....                   |          | \$1,000 00 |          |
|           | To balance due fund, Oct. 1, 1898.....   | \$103 33 |            |          |
| 1899.     |                                          |          |            |          |
| Sept. 11. | To interest due fund, to Oct. 1, 1899... | 45 00    |            |          |
|           |                                          |          |            | \$148 33 |
| Mar. 1.   | By order from W. Rupp, Sec'y.....        | \$13 08  |            |          |
| June 23.  | By Moore & Co., bill paid.....           | 37 65    |            |          |
|           |                                          |          | 50 73      |          |
| Oct. 1.   | Balance due fund.....                    |          | \$97 60    |          |

#### Seminary Class 1894 Alcove Fund.

|         |                                            |          |  |          |
|---------|--------------------------------------------|----------|--|----------|
| 1899.   |                                            |          |  |          |
| July 1. | Amount of notes in hands of Treasurer..... | \$981 00 |  |          |
|         | Amount of notes paid.....                  | 303 00   |  |          |
|         |                                            |          |  | \$678 00 |

CR.

|         |                           |         |  |  |
|---------|---------------------------|---------|--|--|
| 1899.   |                           |         |  |  |
| Oct. 1. | By interest due Fund..... | \$18 00 |  |  |

#### Pittsburgh Professorship Fund.

|           |                                  |             |  |  |
|-----------|----------------------------------|-------------|--|--|
| 1898.     |                                  |             |  |  |
| Oct. 1.   | Amount of principal of Fund..... | \$29,864 64 |  |  |
| 1899.     |                                  |             |  |  |
| March 11. | Received of W. R. Barnhart.....  | 10 00       |  |  |
| Oct. 1.   | Amount of funds.....             | \$29,874 64 |  |  |

DR.

For sundry interest received on said fund, from  
Sept. 13, 1898, to Sept. 11, 1899..... \$1,730 25

CR.

|           |                                   |            |  |  |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|------------|--|--|
| 1899.     |                                   |            |  |  |
| Sept. 14. | By amount paid Wm. Rupp, D.D..... | \$1,730 25 |  |  |

#### Endowment Fund Statement.

|         |                                                                                                                              |             |  |  |
|---------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|--|--|
| 1898.   |                                                                                                                              |             |  |  |
| Oct. 1. | For amount of Fund reported to date.....                                                                                     | \$91,892 70 |  |  |
| Oct. 4. | For amount received of J. W. B. Bausman,<br>Treasurer of Franklin and Marshall College,<br>cash from the Wilhelm Estate..... | 444 63      |  |  |
| Nov. 1. | For amount St. Paul's congregation, Fort Wash-<br>ington, Pa., per J. B. Henry, pastor.....                                  | 10 00       |  |  |
| 1899.   |                                                                                                                              |             |  |  |
| Jan. 1. | For amount received of John Barclay,<br>Esq., one of the Executors of the                                                    |             |  |  |

|          |                                                                                                                                    |            |                   |
|----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-------------------|
|          | Hon. H. P. Laird, deceased, a be-<br>quest by will of said deceased.....                                                           | \$2,000 00 |                   |
|          | Less State Tax on same.....                                                                                                        | 100 00     |                   |
|          |                                                                                                                                    |            | \$1,900 00        |
| July 10. | For amount received of J. W. B. Bausman,<br>Treasurer of F. and M. College, cash from the<br>Wilhelm Estate, to June 3, 1899:..... |            | 1,711 54          |
|          |                                                                                                                                    |            | <hr/> \$95,958 87 |

**Louis E. Shriver Alcove Fund.**

|          |                                                  |         |          |
|----------|--------------------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| 1899.    | DR.                                              |         |          |
| Jan. 21. | For amount of Fund.....                          |         | 1,000 00 |
|          | CR.                                              |         |          |
|          | By interest due on same to Oct. 1, 1899          | \$26 67 |          |
|          | <b>Statement of Funds in Hands of Treasurer.</b> |         |          |

|         |                                      |             |  |
|---------|--------------------------------------|-------------|--|
| 1899.   |                                      |             |  |
| Oct. 1. | Endowment Fund.....                  | \$95,958 87 |  |
|         | Library Fund.....                    | 1,819 96    |  |
|         | Smaltz Fund.....                     | 5,000 00    |  |
|         | William A. Wilt Fund.....            | 833 33      |  |
|         | Schaff Prize Fund.....               | 2,000 75    |  |
|         | Sacred Rhetoric Fund.....            | 465 47      |  |
|         | John L. Riegel Fund.....             | 15,680 00   |  |
|         | Jacob Forney Fund, Alcove.....       | 1,000 00    |  |
|         | Henry Wirt Fund, Alcove.....         | 1,000 00    |  |
|         | Louis E. Shriver Fund, Alcove.....   | 1,000 00    |  |
|         | Seminary Class '94 Fund, Alcove..... | 981 00      |  |
|         | Pittsburgh Professorship Fund.....   | 29,874 64   |  |

Respectfully submitted, \$155,614 02

JOHN B. ROTH,

*Treasurer of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the  
United States.*

The undersigned, a committee appointed by the Board to examine the several accounts of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary, report that we have examined same, and find them correct.

JOHN D. SKILES, *Committee.*

LANCASTER, Oct. 5th, 1899.

**Lecture Fund Statement.**

|          |                                           |                 |               |
|----------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1898.    |                                           | (No principal.) |               |
| Oct. 1.  | For balance due Fund.....                 | \$11 66         |               |
| Oct. 17. | For amount paid by Pittsburgh Synod,      | 40 00           |               |
| 1899.    |                                           |                 |               |
| May 10.  | For amount paid by Robt. M. Kern...       | 8 90            |               |
|          |                                           |                 | <hr/> \$60 56 |
|          | CR.                                       |                 |               |
| Oct. 1.  | By orders paid to date, \$15 and \$7..... | 22 00           |               |
|          | Due Fund.....                             |                 | <hr/> \$38 56 |

**Report of the Trustees of Catawba College.**

*To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:*

The Trustees of Catawba College beg leave to render you the following report:

Since the last session of your reverend body, the routine



of the institution has been regular, with about the usual number of students and amount and character of work. The class of '99 consisted of five young men of excellent character and bright promise. Two are in the Seminary, and a third is doing Sunday-school mission work in North Carolina under the General Sunday-school Board. The class of 1900 numbers nine. The enrollment for the present session is 121.

The financial condition has greatly improved during the year. Of the \$17,000 pledged by your reverend body as a General Endowment Fund, over \$2,000 have been collected. The General Endowment Fund in cash and bonds is over \$9,000, and the Alumni Fund is \$5,000. These funds, together with the \$1,000 annual interest from Synod, make a working endowment of \$3,100. The tuition of the last scholastic year amounted to about \$1,800. A friend of the College in Virginia has endowed the William Wirt Roller Scholarship with \$500, and Rev. Geo. B. Russell, D.D., of Zullinger, Pa., has donated a tract of 880 acres of land in Pennsylvania, valued at present at \$8,000, with future prospects of much greater value. This is by far the largest donation the College has ever received from a single individual. Encouraged by these generous gifts, and pressed by the sharp competition of the State and private institutions around us, and urged by our own need of better accommodations and better equipment, the Board of Trustees, humbly relying on Divine Providence, has determined to make large additions to the present buildings. An elegant two-story annex, 48x25 feet, is being added to the Young Ladies' Boarding Hall. It contains eight commodious rooms, and will be ready for use in about a month. This will make comfortable and elegant quarters for 25 more ladies. Next summer the capacity of the college buildings is to be nearly doubled, to make room for a President's office, a Chemical Laboratory, a Physical Laboratory, Cabinets for Minerals, specimens in Natural History, etc., together with Literary Society Halls, additional Recitation Rooms, a Commercial Department, and the College Library.

Whilst rejoicing over these promises of greater usefulness and wider influence, we are called to mourn the death of the venerable President of our Board, Judge M. L. McCorkle. He first conceived the idea of Catawba College, made the first proposition to found the institution, and has been from her incipency her most constant and watchful guardian, her most eloquent advocate. He has been a Trustee for nearly 50 years, and President of the Board a good part of that time. Here he educated all of his children. Catawba College is his lasting monument. His death reminds us of

our other recent losses in the death of Major Finger and Colonel Forney. The workmen fall. The work goes on.

Allow us to inquire whether it may not be well for Synod to take advantage of the returning financial prosperity of the country to complete the \$17,000 endowment?

Praying as always for the prosperity of the Synod, this report is humbly submitted.

J. C. CLAPP,  
*Pres. pro tem. of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College.*

#### **Report of the Committee on Education.**

The Standing Committee on Education, to whom the foregoing reports had been referred, reported during the session of Saturday morning, which was received, considered item by item, amended and then adopted as a whole. The report is as follows:

*To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:*

Your Committee on Education hereby reports that the following documents were referred to us, viz:

The Report of Franklin and Marshall College, together with Catalogue, etc., of the same.

A report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary and a synopsis of the Treasurer's Report of said Board, John B. Roth, esq.

Report of the Board of Education of Potomac Synod.

Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.

Report of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, with Catalogue.

Report of the Board of Directors of Woman's College, at Frederick, with Catalogue, etc.

Report of Synod's Endowment Committee of Woman's College.

Report of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College, North Carolina.

Report of Calvin College, Cleveland, Ohio.

Announcement and Prospectus of Massanutton Academy.

These several reports and accompanying documents of the institutions, standing in official relation to this Synod, reveal the encouraging fact, that the past had been a successful year. They are broadening their work and enlarging their spheres of usefulness, with the expectation of increasing their efficiency. This is cause for congratulation to the whole Church. As these reports are for the most part incorporated in the printed minutes of Synod, we allow them to speak for themselves.

I. Franklin and Marshall College graduated a class of 34 and opened the present year with an enrolment of 58 new students.



Its course of study has been somewhat re-arranged and enlarged without lowering the standard of qualification, so as to admit of more eclectic studies by the advanced classes. There has been some shrinkage of income, in the re-investing of Endowment Funds and increased expenses, by reason of additional facilities and new buildings, in carrying forward the institution so that there has been a deficit of \$3,000 during the current year.

The Trustees of the College are now maturing plans for the erection of the projected Science building, and expect to enter upon the work of its erection within the current year. We therefore recommend the following action:

*Resolved*, That we rejoice in the enlarged prosperity of Franklin and Marshall College, as shown in its increased enrolment of students, its enlarged Faculty, its additional facilities, and its projected new Science building.

*Resolved*, That we commend it anew to the confidence and patronage of our people, and as a Synod will co-operate with the authorities of the College in increasing its Endowment Fund, and in the erection of the projected Science building.

We have learned with satisfaction of the auspicious re-opening of Franklin and Marshall Academy, with an enrolment of 110 students in actual attendance, filling the Academy building to overflowing.

*Resolved*, That we commend Franklin and Marshall Academy as being meritorious and deserving of the confidence and continued patronage of our people.

From the report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary we learn with gratitude that \$1,000 have been received from Lewis Shriver, to endow the Andrew Keiser and Catharine W. Shriver Alcove; also that the sum of \$1,900 has been received from the executors of the Laird estate. We heartily commend these examples of liberality to our people.

*Resolved*, That in order to meet the necessary expenses incurred in repairs upon the house occupied by the Professor of Church History, amounting to \$800, and toward the payment of the current expenses amounting to \$1,200, this Synod hereby assumes \$600, as suggested by the Board.

The report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary indicates that the institution has gone forward with growing evidences of usefulness and efficiency and the promise for the future is auspicious.

*Resolved*, That this Synod records its appreciation of the additional services rendered by the Theological Professors, in supplying the absence of a Professor in Church History during the past year.

*Resolved*, That in order to secure permanent instruction in

Elocution, this Synod hereby agrees to pay for the period of three years annually the sum of \$200 for this purpose.

The report of the Board of Education of the Synod calls attention to the depleted condition of the Treasury, due in part to the neglect on the part of pastors in lifting the offerings of Beneficiary Education early in the classical year. The students being obliged to pay the contingent fees to the institutions at which they are studying at the opening of each term or session, the treasurer is often called upon to pay their appropriations soon after the sessions open. In view of this fact:

*Resolved*, That the Synod calls the attention of the pastors to this matter, and urges upon them the necessity of lifting the offerings for Beneficiary Education early in the classical year, so that the treasurer may be enabled to meet the solemn promises made to the students by their respective classes.

The report of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College is full of encouragement and promise. The net earnings of the past year above expenses is \$4,029.92. Additional ground has been purchased and an extensive Memorial Hall costing about \$26,000, is in process of erection. The present enrolment is 166.

*Resolved*, That we rejoice in the success of Mercersburg College, and hereby commend it anew to the confidence and continued patronage of the Church.

The report of the Board of Directors of the Woman's College at Frederick, Md., shows the past to have been its most successful year. Its attendance, its equipment, its course of study, its faculty, were never more satisfactory or appealed more strongly to the Church for wider endorsement and more hearty support. While the report shows a net gain on the current expense account for the past year of \$801.47, and for the entire six years \$2,945, yet this amount has not been sufficient to properly equip the institution for the high grade of work it is called upon to do. This phase of its development must still remain within the field of private generosity and constitute a challenge to the Church.

The report of Synod's Committee to assist in increasing the endowment of the College shows nothing to have been done during the year. In view of these facts, be it,

*Resolved*, That we rejoice in the continued prosperity of the Woman's College, and commend it anew to the Church as worthy of its patronage and support.

*Resolved*, That we urge upon pastors the importance of extending to their people a knowledge of the institution and of its claims upon them.

*Resolved*, That Synod's Committee for the further endowment of the College be continued and is hereby instructed to



take up that work, and either by independent action of its members or in co-operation with President Apple, push it to the point authorized by Synod two years ago.

The report of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College, N. C., furnishes an encouraging statement, both as to the work of the past year and the promise of the future. Of the \$17,000. pledged by this Synod as a General Endowment Fund, over \$2,000 have been collected. The Board rejoices over the practical and material help received first in the endowment of a scholarship, and second in the donation of a large tract of land. Its immediate and prospective needs have impelled the Board to make additions to its present buildings. In the midst of its rejoicing, it mourns the death of three valuable members of its number, one of whom was for many years its President.

*Resolved*, That this Synod rejoices in the success of Catawba College and the promise of its growing usefulness, and hereby commends it to the patronage and generosity of the Church.

*Resolved*, That in view of the special objects now before Synod requiring immediate help, and further because the College sustains no loss by waiting, this Synod advises against the pressure of its endowment claim just now.

The Society for the Promotion of German and English Education reports the condition, needs and prospects of Calvin College.

*Resolved*, That inasmuch as Erie Classis has determined no longer to stand as sponsor for Calvin College, and inasmuch as the Mission House and other Reformed institutions seem amply qualified to train young men for the Gospel ministry, both in the English and German languages, therefore this Synod declines to make further appropriations for Calvin College.

The announcement and prospectus of the Massanutten Academy, a new institution under the care of Virginia Classis, have been referred to us. We rejoice in the prospects and encouraging outlook of this institution and heartily commend it to the favorable consideration of the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. ESCHBACH, *Chairman*.

The committee, under item 5 of Report on Minutes of Synod, to co-operate in the endowment of Franklin and Marshall College, failed to submit a report, but was continued, as was also the committee to aid in the endowment of the Woman's College.

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Under item 6 of Report on Minutes of Synod, the following report was received and adopted:

*To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:*

DEAR BRETHREN:—The undersigned, appointed at the last annual meeting to represent this venerable body at the inauguration of Rev. G. W. Richards as Professor of Church History in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., respectfully reports:

The inauguration of Prof. Richards took place in Santee Hall of the Seminary on the evening of Friday, Oct. 20, 1899, in the presence of the Eastern Synod, then holding its annual session at Lancaster. Rev. J. H. Prugh, D.D., representing the Pittsburg Synod, offered the invocation, led in the repetition of the Apostles' Creed, and announced the first and second hymn. Your representative read the Scripture lessons, consisting of I. Tim. 4:12-16 and II. Tim. 1:1-14, 2:1, 2, and offered the prayer.

Rev. M. H. Sangree read the call and the letter of acceptance. Rev. C. S. Gearhard, D.D., chairman of the committee, delivered the charge, and Rev. W. F. More administered the oath of office to the newly-elected Professor. Rev. B. B. Ferer, President of the Eastern Synod, announced a hymn, after which Professor Richards delivered a very able Inaugural Address upon the subject, "Church History and the Historical Method." President Ferer then announced the L. M. Doxology and pronounced the Benediction. The entire service was deeply interesting and solemn.

Your representative expressed to the new Professor the greetings of this Synod and the assurance of its heartiest sympathy and most earnest prayers for the divine blessing upon him in the responsible position in which he has been placed.

Respectfully submitted,

T. F. HOFFMEIER,

*President of the Synod of 1898.*

BALTIMORE, MD., Oct. 25, 1899.

Expenses incurred, \$1.55.

The treasurer of Synod was instructed to pay the bill.

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The special committee under item 26 submitted its report which was received, amended and adopted as follows:

*To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:*

The Committee appointed at the last annual meeting of the Synod, to whom was referred item 2 of the Report on Overtures, having reference to the propriety of requiring beneficiary students to give bonds, and to change Rule 6, touching the reception of applicants for beneficiary aid, begs leave to report as follows: No formal meeting of the Committee was



held, but every member was consulted by means of correspondence, except Rev. Wm. Goodrich, who departed this life.

The subject matter referred has been earnestly considered, and the consensus of the committee is that the office of the Holy Ministry must be held sacred, and properly and carefully guarded against applicants governed by improper or unscriptural motives, and whose deportment is not commendable. The Church needs ministers who are intellectually strong and spiritually qualified; who have the spirit of self-denial and are of good judgment; and who are willing to use the divinely ordained means and scriptural methods, to be instruments to lead souls to Christ. In short, men are needed who are called of God, strong in the faith, prompted by the Holy Spirit, who from conviction can say, "Woe unto me if I preach not the Gospel." The Apostle says: "Lay hands suddenly on no man."

In the time of our fathers, beneficiary students struggled and practiced self-denial. Parents, relatives, and friends of such students joined to give them financial aid. Brighter days dawned upon our beloved Church; but this fact is no reason why the door to beneficiary students should be widely thrown open and to offer special inducements to applicants, especially when our Church has a surplus of ministers.

It is gratifying that our colleges and seminaries are numerous and well equipped; but neither is this fact any reason why safeguards should not be cast about beneficiary education.

The committee would therefore recommend the following action:

*Resolved*, That this Synod deems it improper to revoke the rule requiring beneficiary students to give bonds.

*Resolved*, That Rule 6 be so modified as not to receive a young man as a beneficiary student until he is prepared to enter the Sophomore Class in College.

*Resolved*, That the attention of the Classes and the Board of Education be earnestly called to Rule 2 touching the reception of applicants for beneficiary aid; and that the utmost caution be exercised in taking young men under their care.

*Resolved*, That the Classes and the Board of Education be requested to continue to exercise careful vigilance over the moral and Christian conduct of students under their care.

Respectfully submitted,

AARON SPANGLER, *Chairman*.

At the election for members of the several Boards of the Synod, held during the session of Saturday afternoon, John W. Wetzel, esq., was elected a member of the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College for the term of ten

years; Revs. G. B. Resser, A. S. Weber, and I. N. Peightel were elected members of the Board of Education for the term of three years; Revs. F. F. Bahner, T. F. Hoffmeier, and M. O. Noll were chosen Regents of Mercersburg College for the period of three years; John A. Singer was elected a member of the Board of Directors of the Woman's College for the term of five years.

The following persons were nominated for membership in the Board of Trustees of Catawba College, to be elected by the North Carolina Classis, to wit: W. H. Williams, D. M. Carpenter, Rev. J. D. Andrew, John E. Roller, Rev. C. Clever, Rev. J. D. Leonard, and Hon. C. H. Mebane to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Judge McCorkle.

The following persons constitute the Board of Education, the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, the Board of Directors of the Woman's College, and Synod's members of the Board of Visitors, and Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa., and their terms of service, namely:

BOARD OF EDUCATION: Revs. G. B. Resser, A. S. Weber, and I. N. Peightel, for three years; Revs. W. M. Deatrick, J. W. Santee, and J. T. Rossiter, for two years; Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, T. F. Hoffmeier, and J. A. Hoffheins, for one year.

REGENTS OF MERCERSBURG COLLEGE: Revs. F. F. Bahner, T. F. Hoffmeier, and M. O. Noll, for three years; Elder A. R. Schnebly, Revs. C. A. Santee, and J. B. Shontz, for two years; Elder S. Hoeflich, E. J. Bonbrake, and Rev. I. N. Peightel, for one year.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF WOMAN'S COLLEGE: John A. Singer, for five years; Rev. E. R. Eschbach, for four years; Rev. C. S. Slagle, for three years; Elder W. H. Lukin, for two years; and Elder A. C. McCardell, for one year.

BOARD OF VISITORS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY: Revs. J. S. Kieffer and W. C. Schaeffer, for three years; and Revs. E. R. Eschbach and N. H. Skyles, for one year.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY: Elders J. H. Cost and F. Geise, for five years; Elders I. Laucks and S. N. Hench, for three years; and Elders G. N. Forney and E. Slagle, for one year.

## ARTICLE XIV.

### MISSIONS.

The Annual Reports of the Bi-Synodic Board of Missions and of the Treasurer of said Board, of the General Board of Home Missions, and the Report of the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions were severally referred to the Standing Committee on Missions for consideration.



The Committee presented its report during the session of Saturday morning, which was received, considered item by item, and then adopted as a whole. These several reports will be found subjoined in their proper places, to-wit:

**I.—Report of the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.**

*To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:*

DEAR BRETHREN:—During the Synodical year the full Board had one meeting and the Executive Council had three meetings, at which Home Missionary work within the bounds of the Eastern and the Potomac Synods received due consideration. What concerns the general work you will learn from the report of the General Board; hence this report has to do only with local interests.

The traveling Hungarian missionary, Rev. Stephen Virag, who entered upon his work about three months ago, is supported almost entirely by special funds secured within these two Synods. At the last meeting of the Eastern Synod, \$300 were pledged for this work, nearly all of which has been paid; and additional pledges from a few individuals in both Synods, amounting to over \$700, were secured afterwards, thus providing for his support for nearly two years.

During the past summer the Sunday School Board supported student missionaries at Packerton, Pa., High Point, N. C., and in Baltimore, Md.

The General Board has lately ventured to enroll a few new missions, among which were Grace Church, Altoona, Pa., Palatinate Church, Philadelphia, Pa., St. John's Church, Harrisburg, Pa., Packerton, Pa., and an interesting field in the north-eastern section of Baltimore, Md.

Other new calls have lately come to us; but it is proper to add that while some of these fields should at once be enrolled and supported, an affirmative answer depends entirely on larger offerings.

Three Church-building Funds within our bounds have been completed during the year, that of Elder Freeland G. Hobson, of Collegeville, Pa.; that of the Woman's Missionary Society of Lebanon Classis, and the Catechumen Fund. By request of the donors the two first named have been paid to the General Board. Another, to be known as the Martha M. Simmons Church-building Fund, from Frederick, Md., has gone directly into the treasury of the General Board.

The quarterly reports of the missionaries show that our work is prospering. All the mission churches are insured. One, the Hungarian Church, in Trenton, N. J., was built during the year.

A study of the treasurer's report, which is herewith laid before you, will reveal interesting facts which it is not necessary to repeat here. Our investments remain much the same as a year ago, except the various loans and receipts noted by the treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. WHITMER,  
*Superintendent of Missions.*

### **Treasurer's Report.**

John J. Nissley, Treasurer, in account with the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

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#### **I.—For Home Missions.**

##### **FROM THE EASTERN SYNOD.**

|                                |                   |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Philadelphia Classis.....      | \$1,502 00        |
| Goshenhoppen Classis.....      | 1,239 31          |
| Tohickon Classis.....          | 1,139 06          |
| East Pennsylvania Classis..... | 1,533 24          |
| Lebanon Classis.....           | 1,481 34          |
| Lancaster Classis.....         | 1,350 37          |
| Schuylkill Classis.....        | 1,044 46          |
| East Susquehanna Classis.....  | 861 15            |
| West Susquehanna Classis.....  | 1,394 19          |
| Lehigh Classis.....            | 1,465 89          |
| Wyoming Classis.....           | 700 26            |
| Reading Classis.....           | 2,252 39          |
|                                | <hr/> \$15,963 66 |

##### **SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC.**

|                             |                  |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Maryland Classis.....       | \$2,184 66       |
| Juniata Classis.....        | 1,740 53         |
| Zion's Classis.....         | 399 31           |
| Mercersburg Classis.....    | 1,114 22         |
| Gettysburg Classis.....     | 300 00           |
| Carlisle Classis.....       | 766 92           |
| North Carolina Classis..... | 265 35           |
| Virginia Classis.....       | 225 00           |
|                             | <hr/> \$6,995 99 |

##### **FROM MISCELLANEOUS SOURCES.**

|                                                 |         |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Theological students, Lancaster, Pa.....        | \$20 00 |
| Mrs. F. A. Gast, Lancaster, Pa.....             | 10 00   |
| Elder B. Schmitt, Woodstock, Va.....            | 50 00   |
| Primary Dept., Salem S. S., Harrisburg, Pa..... | 1 22    |
| Transferred from interest account.....          | 62 50   |
| Hungarian Church, Bridgeport, Conn.....         | 5 00    |
| Sunday-school, Bellefonte, Pa.....              | 10 00   |
| Estate Miss Lydia Hoy, Mifflinburg, Pa.....     | 210 50  |
| Mrs. Catharine Bare, Lancaster, Pa.....         | 2 00    |
| From a sincere friend.....                      | 20 00   |
| Emmanuel Sunday-school, Hanover, Pa.....        | 83 06   |
| Elder H. M. Schmuck and wife.....               | 20 00   |
| St. John's Church, Lovettsville, Va.....        | 11 50   |
| Mrs. E. J. Roebuck, Lititz, Pa.....             | 5 00    |
| Home Missionary Society, Lemaster, Pa.....      | 20 00   |
| Rev. C. D. Yost.....                            | 5 00    |
| Sunday-school, Martinsburg, W. Va.....          | 11 03   |



|                                                    |          |                   |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| Missionary Society, Martinsburg, W. Va.....        | \$ 30 00 |                   |
| Interest on Wagner Legacy.....                     | 100 00   |                   |
| Congregation and Sunday-school, Reiglesville, Pa.  | 378 46   |                   |
| Rev. Geo. G. Everhart, Shepherdstown, W. Va..      | 8 50     |                   |
| Mrs. C. K. Small, Easter offering.....             | 20 00    |                   |
| Rev. E. S. Hay, Roanoke, Va.....                   | 8 80     |                   |
| Lower Saucon, Rev. Dr. A. B. Koplin.....           | 46 76    |                   |
| Rev. I. S. Motter, Frederick, Md.....              | 10 00    |                   |
| Mr. ———, Baltimore, Md.....                        | 5 00     |                   |
| Heavenward Cir., King's Daughters, Lancaster, Pa.  | 5 00     |                   |
| Rev. A. B. Bauman, Tom's Brook, Va.....            | 10 00    |                   |
| J. J. Nissley, Treas., interest Gerhart Legacy.... | 6 00     |                   |
| Grace Missionary Society, Altoona, Pa.....         | 5 00     |                   |
| Woman's Missionary Society, Eastern Synod....      | 1,225 00 |                   |
|                                                    |          | <u>\$2,405 33</u> |

## CR.

|                                                |             |                    |
|------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Paid James T. Reber, Treasurer General Board.. | \$21.410 19 | \$25,364 98        |
| Paid Geo. W. Stine, Treasurer General Board... | 3,954 79    |                    |
|                                                |             | <u>\$25,364 98</u> |

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## HUNGARIAN MISSIONS.

|                                                      |            |                   |
|------------------------------------------------------|------------|-------------------|
| John J. Nissley, Treasurer Eastern Synod.....        | \$1,476 23 |                   |
| Geo. N. Forney, Treasurer Synod of the Potomac       | 62 00      |                   |
| Rev. C. S. Slagle, Treasurer Maryland Classis....    | 129 48     |                   |
| Rev. Lewis Robb, Treasurer Juniata Classis.....      | 125 00     |                   |
| Mrs. S. G. Zeiber, Hanover, Pa.....                  | 5 00       |                   |
| Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, D.D., Treas. Virginia Classis. | 60 00      |                   |
| Dr. J. Deisinger, Treasurer Zion's Classis.....      | 52 86      |                   |
| Rev. J. D. Miller, Treasurer Carlisle Classis.....   | 49 20      |                   |
| Rev. W. M. Deatrick, Treas. Mercersburg Classis      | 100 00     |                   |
| Rev. T. J. Barkley, Treasurer Gettysburg Classis..   | 40 00      |                   |
| Traveling Hungarian Missionary.....                  | 359 00     |                   |
|                                                      |            | <u>\$2,458 77</u> |

## HARBOR MISSIONS.

|                                                     |          |                 |
|-----------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------------|
| J. J. Nissley, Treasurer Eastern Synod.....         | \$201 64 |                 |
| Geo. N. Forney, Treasurer Synod of the Potomac      | 10 00    |                 |
| Rev. C. S. Slagle, Treasurer Maryland Classis....   | 28 00    |                 |
| Rev. Lewis Robb, Treasurer Juniata Classis.....     | 22 00    |                 |
| Rev. J. D. Miller, Treasurer Carlisle Classis... .. | 8 29     |                 |
| Dr. J. Deisinger, Treasurer Zion's Classis.....     | 16 41    |                 |
| Rev. W. M. Deatrick, Treas. Mercersburg Classis     | 20 00    |                 |
| Rev. T. J. Barkley, Treasurer Gettysburg Classis..  | 23 00    |                 |
|                                                     |          | <u>\$329 34</u> |

## GERMAN MISSION WORK.

|                                                    |          |                   |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| John J. Nissley, Treasurer Eastern Synod.....      | \$811 00 |                   |
| Geo. N. Forney, Treasurer Synod of the Potomac     | 61 00    |                   |
| Rev. C. S. Slagle, Treasurer Maryland Classis....  | 129 00   |                   |
| Rev. Lewis Robb, Treasurer Juniata Classis.....    | 140 00   |                   |
| Rev. J. D. Miller, Treasurer Carlisle Classis..... | 44 56    |                   |
| Dr. J. Deisinger, Treasurer Zion's Classis.....    | 31 35    |                   |
|                                                    |          | <u>\$1,216 91</u> |
|                                                    |          | <u>\$4,005 02</u> |

## CR.

|                                  |            |                   |
|----------------------------------|------------|-------------------|
| Paid for Hungarian Missions..... | \$2,458 77 |                   |
| Paid for Harbor Missions.....    | 329 34     |                   |
| Paid for German Missions.....    | 1,216 91   |                   |
|                                  |            | <u>\$4,005 02</u> |

**II.—Designated Moneys.**

|                                                   |         |                |
|---------------------------------------------------|---------|----------------|
| Philadelphia Classis, for Messiah Mission.....    | \$10 00 |                |
| Calvary Church, Reading, Pa., for Pottstown, Pa.  | 20 00   |                |
| Reading Classis, for Rev. F. B. Hahn.....         | 300 00  |                |
| Reading Classis, for Olivet Church, Reading, Pa.  | 100 00  |                |
| North Carolina Classis, for Rev. J. L. Murphy.... | 30 00   |                |
| North Carolina Classis, for Dr. P. M. Trexler.... | 20 00   |                |
| North Carolina Classis, for Rev. C. H. Reidesel.. | 100 00  |                |
| North Carolina Classis, for Rev. L. M. Kerschner  | 100 00  |                |
| Zion's Classis, for Chicago Mission.....          | 32 58   |                |
|                                                   |         | <hr/> \$712 58 |

C.R.

|                         |          |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Paid as designated..... | \$712 58 |
|-------------------------|----------|

**III.—Church Building.**

## ON APPORTIONMENT.

|                                |         |                  |
|--------------------------------|---------|------------------|
| Schuylkill Classis.....        | \$44 03 |                  |
| Reading Classis.....           | 169 00  |                  |
| East Pennsylvania Classis..... | 56 00   |                  |
| Goshenhoppen Classis.....      | 198 47  |                  |
| Lancaster Classis.....         | 109 95  |                  |
| Tohickon Classis.....          | 206 68  |                  |
| West Susquehanna Classis.....  | 192 00  |                  |
| Lebanon Classis.....           | 106 00  |                  |
| East Susquehanna Classis.....  | 50 24   |                  |
| Philadelphia Classis.....      | 30 55   |                  |
| Lehigh Classis.....            | 70 00   |                  |
|                                |         | <hr/> \$1,232 92 |

## CHURCH BUILDING FUNDS.

|                                               |         |                |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------|----------------|
| Catechumen Fund.....                          | \$80 80 |                |
| Woman's Missionary Society, Lebanon Classis.. | 120 87  |                |
| F. G. Hobson Fund.....                        | 100 00  |                |
|                                               |         | <hr/> \$301 67 |

## LOANS REPAID.

|                                              |            |                   |
|----------------------------------------------|------------|-------------------|
| Reformed Church, Sioux City, Ia.....         | \$2,250 00 |                   |
| Mrs. C. A. Fremell, balance on judgment..... | 200 00     |                   |
| Mrs. C. A. Fremell, on mortgage.....         | 100 00     |                   |
| Hungarian Church, Bridgeport, Conn.....      | 400 00     |                   |
| F. J. Schaffner.....                         | 950 00     |                   |
| Hummelstown National Bank.....               | 5,000 00   |                   |
| Heidelberg Church, Timberville, Va.....      | 100 00     |                   |
| General Board of Home Missions.....          | 1,000 00   |                   |
| J. J. Nissley.....                           | 950 00     |                   |
|                                              |            | <hr/> \$10,950 00 |

**IV.—Legacy Account.**

|                                                            |            |                   |
|------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-------------------|
| Balance in treasury, Oct. 1, 1899.....                     | \$1,463 25 |                   |
| Christian Bender Legacy, transferred by Eastern Synod..... | 950 00     |                   |
| Miss Susan M. Pontius.....                                 | 1,500 00   |                   |
| Miss Margaret R. Lautenschlager.....                       | 1,000 00   |                   |
|                                                            |            | <hr/> \$4,913 25  |
|                                                            |            | <hr/> \$17,397 84 |

## DISBURSEMENTS.

|                                                             |            |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| C. M. Boush, Treas., apportionment for church building..... | \$1,232 92 |
| Loan to F. J. Schaffner.....                                | 950 00     |



|                                                                        |            |             |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Loan to General Board of Home Missions.....                            | \$1,750 00 |             |
| Hungarian Church, Trenton, N. J.....                                   | 2,000 00   |             |
| Board of Trustees, Maryland Classis.....                               | 5,000 00   |             |
| C. M. Boush, Treas., F. G. Hobson Fund transferred.....                | 500 00     |             |
| C. M. Boush, Treas., W. M. S., Lebanon Classis, Fund, transferred..... | 500 00     |             |
| Ref'd Church Extension Society, Baltimore, Md.                         | 500 00     |             |
| J. J. Nissley.....                                                     | 950 00     |             |
| Grace Church, Allentown, Pa.....                                       | 1,500 00   |             |
| Balance in treasury, Sept. 30, 1899.....                               | 2,514 92   |             |
|                                                                        |            | \$17,397 84 |

#### V.—Interest Account.

|                                                               |          |            |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| 1898.                                                         |          |            |
| Oct. 1. Balance in treasury.....                              | \$244 95 |            |
| Trinity Church, Altoona.....                                  | 38 00    |            |
| Dividends York National Bank Stock, Spangler Legacy.....      | 75 00    |            |
| L. C. Seidel.....                                             | 180 00   |            |
| Mrs. C. A. Fremell.....                                       | 108 90   |            |
| Hummelstown National Bank.....                                | 100 00   |            |
| Hungarian Reformed Church, Bridgeport, Conn.                  | 40 00    |            |
| Heidelberg Reformed Church, Timberville, Va....               | 7 50     |            |
| First Reformed Church, Royersford, Pa.....                    | 60 00    |            |
| C. M. Boush, Treasurer Church Extension.....                  | 242 35   |            |
| C. M. Boush, Treasurer Church Extension, Abilene, Kansas..... | 37 34    |            |
| Messiah Reformed Church, Philadelphia.....                    | 10 00    |            |
| Wyoming Classis, Scranton bond.....                           | 10 00    |            |
| F. J. Schaffner.....                                          | 47 50    |            |
| St. Paul's Reformed Church, Roanoke, Va.....                  | 15 00    |            |
| Maryland Classis.....                                         | 72 50    |            |
| Tioga Reformed Church, Philadelphia.....                      | 20 00    |            |
| First Reformed Church, Steelton, Pa.....                      | 47 00    |            |
| J. J. Nissley.....                                            | 23 75    |            |
|                                                               |          | \$1,379 79 |

#### DISBURSEMENTS.

|                                                               |         |            |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------|------------|
| Sewerage assessment, Astoria, Oregon.....                     | \$23 67 |            |
| Missionary at Burlington, N. C.....                           | 62 50   |            |
| Grace Mission, Washington, D. C.....                          | 40 00   |            |
| State tax on loans, Baltimore.....                            | 10 03   |            |
| Traveling expenses of the Board, stationery, and postage..... | 98 95   |            |
| Salary—Secretary, \$75; and Treasurer, \$75.....              | 150 00  |            |
| 1899.                                                         |         |            |
| Sept. 30. Balance in treasury.....                            | 994 64  |            |
|                                                               |         | \$1,379 79 |

Respectfully submitted,  
HUMMELSTOWN, PA., Sept. 30, 1899.

JNO. J. NISSLEY, *Treasurer.*

We, the undersigned, have audited the above account and find it correct, as stated.

ELLIS N. KREMER,  
CALVIN S. GERHARD.

LANCASTER, PA., Oct. 2, 1899.

**III.—Annual Report of the Board of Home Missions of the  
Reformed Church in the United States, Ending  
October 1st, 1899.**

*Reverend Fathers and Brethren:*

In compliance with custom we hereby submit a brief annual report. As the Minutes of General Synod, which are also officially before you, contain the Triennial Report of this Board, in which the work is fully and in detail set forth up to May 1, 1899, this report is limited to what has been done and projected since that date, together with such suggestions as the present conditions seem to demand.

**RE-ORGANIZATION.**—The Board was re-organized on May 27th, 1899, as follows: Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., president; Rev. J. J. Leberman, D.D., vice-president; Rev. T. J. Barkley, D.D., secretary; Elder Geo. W. Stein, treasurer; Elder C. M. Boush, Esq., treasurer of Church Building Funds, and attorney of the Board.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.**—The Executive Committee consists of Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., Rev. J. J. Leberman, D.D., Rev. T. J. Barkley, D.D., Rev. J. A. Peters, D.D., and Rev. J. H. Sechler, D.D.

**THE BOARD.**—The members of the Board have freely given themselves to the work and have been faithful to their responsible trusts. To know the conditions, to discriminate, and to systematically arrange for the vital needs of the several missions, demands the highest and most consecrated characteristics.

**OUR SUPERINTENDENTS.**—Our Superintendents are men of large experience, good judgment, untiring energy and consecrated zeal. They are acceptably filling delicate, difficult, responsible and wearing positions.

**OUR MISSIONARIES.**—Our Missionaries are as a class faithful and aggressive. Some of them are doing heroic work, and enduring hardships without the apparent appreciation of the Church. The Lord is sustaining His servants in the field. May He give His Church grace to feel the inspiration of the calls of His Providence, to do her part, in sustaining them by prayer, sympathy and money.

**OUR MISSIONS.**—Our Missions are well organized and well conducted. There is just now an unusual activity in Church Building. Eight west of the Alleghenies and one or more east of the mountains, are erecting houses of worship, while others are improving their church property. The average contributions of our Missions per member is above that of the established congregations of the Church. Our Missions were never in a more hopeful and prosperous condition. A



grand foundation has been laid for the future, and it has been done in the face of many hindrances.

INSURANCE.—The Board has directed that proper insurance shall be had, by all the Missions on their church property.

HUNGARIANS.—The Hungarian work is advancing. The Board has taken the necessary steps to assure proper church relations, and that only such methods and practices, as are in full harmony with the Church in this country, shall be observed among them.

Rev. Stephen Virag who was called from Hungary to be a travelling missionary here among his scattered countrymen, arrived, and was commissioned July 22d, 1899. The money for the support of this missionary for two years, has been provided outside of the appropriations for our ordinary work.

Hungarian Missionaries shall hereafter accept yearly reductions in their support as do the English Missionaries.

BOHEMIANS.—The Bohemian congregation organized at Cleveland, Ohio, by the Erie Classis has come under the care of this Board. A lot has been purchased, and a church is now being built, to cost about \$2,500.

The Board has also secured a lot for the Bohemian congregation at Chicago, Ill., on which a church will soon be built.

MICHAEL SCHLATTER MEMORIAL FUND.—The scheme to raise \$100,000 as a Michael Schlatter Memorial Fund for church building purposes, inaugurated during the Sesqui-Centennial services, has resulted in some Church Building Funds and other smaller amounts, which have been reported by the treasurer of this fund. The scheme deserves to be pushed until the full amount is realized.

CHURCH BUILDING FUND.—Our Church Building Funds are steadily growing. "*The Catechumens Fund*" has been completed. Amount \$500. A new one has also been added to the list since the published report, namely "*The Martha M. Simmons Church Building Fund*." Amount \$500. Given September 13, 1899, by her sisters, Mrs. Catharine S. Jacobs, Mrs. Georgianna A. Simmons, and the Misses Elizabeth G., Emma B., and Ella V. Houck, of Frederick, Md.

Here is a vital point at which people of means may help God's cause, and at the same time create an abiding memorial for themselves, or some friend, living or dead, that will be a blessing to unborn generations.

Special attention is hereby called to the descriptive list of Church Building Funds in the recent Triennial Report.

CHURCH EXTENSION.—The Church Extension feature of our work has grown rapidly and has become a very important factor. Its usefulness is only limited by the funds placed at our disposal. The careful study of the report of the treasurer

of this fund, will reveal an expansion in this phase of our work that ought to prove an inspiration.

MANUAL.—A manual containing the Charter, Rules and Regulations for the management of the business of the Board has been published. It also contains forms for deeds, charters, bequests, model constitution for a congregation, together with designs for chapels and churches. Copies of the Manual can be secured from the several superintendents of the Board.

MISSIONARY PERIODICAL.—*The Reformed Church Tidings* has been published for the past three years at a considerable annual loss. Its usefulness, however, justifies its continuance. It now appears in a modified, but improved form, with some change in price. A copy of this paper ought to go into every family of the Church. The spread of missionary literature is like leaven in the meal. It works silently but surely till the whole body is leavened.

FINANCES.—At the meeting of General Synod, we reported ourselves without debt. Since then, however, our income has not met our expenses. At the July meeting we were compelled to borrow money. The amount borrowed will scarcely be all in the treasury at the October meeting, when we must have over \$9,000 to pay our missionaries their dues. We are again one quarter in arrears. Shall this condition of things continue? The statement of this fact ought to burn into the conscience of every careless and neglectful church member, until they have been aroused to duty. Let there be an awakening all along the line.

FORWARD; THE WATCHWORD.—The policy and plans of the Board looking toward enlarged work was approved by General Synod, and we were authorized to go forward. As a Church, we are entering a new era of missionary activity. We are beginning to realize that our responsibilities are greater than the taking care of our own material. Our conception is broader than that of our fathers, and we need to cultivate a more liberal spirit. We are planning and planting for the future. We must use our men and means to the best advantage. This is the problem before us and requires prayerful and careful study.

Great cities are rapidly increasing in number. Earnest calls are coming to us from many of these centres, and if we as a Church are to have a future in this country we must respond to them.

New work has been assumed at Vandergift, Pa., La-Harpe, Kan., Alliance, O., North-east Baltimore, Md., Bay City, Mich., Greensboro and High Point, N. C., and a Bohemian mission in Cleveland, O.

Other points are under investigation and consideration;



notably, Allegheny City, Pa., Cleveland, O., Indianapolis, Ind., Omaha, Neb., and Des Moines, Ia.

If we are to continue to be a factor in the moulding of the destinies of the nation we must establish our Church firmly in these growing centres. It is true there are difficulties in the way, but they are not insurmountable. It will require self-denial, sacrifice and patient endurance in well doing, but what really good thing can be secured in any direction without these? The opportunity is at the door and it creates our responsibility.

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY.**—The conviction has been growing in the Board that more help was needed to secure the funds necessary to carry forward our increasing work. This fact was communicated to General Synod, with the suggestion that the office of Financial Secretary be authorized. The suggestion was approved. We have created the office and called to it Rev. Chas. E. Creitz, of Huntington, Pa. He has accepted our call and entered upon the work Sept. 1, 1899.

Rev. Creitz speaks acceptably in both the German and English languages, has had seven years of successful pastoral experience, and has other special qualifications to fit him for the position. For the present his time will be given to the eastern portion of the Church. He is ready to co-operate with pastors and consistories in such way as shall, after mutual conference, promise the best results. He will aid in disseminating missionary intelligence, and in helping to inspire a new spirit and new energy to develop the financial possibilities at hand in many places. If you will give him your confidence and co-operation, good results will follow.

**THE TWENTIETH CENTURY MOVEMENT.**—The Twentieth Century Movement for Home Missions, as approved by General Synod, is in process of inauguration. The Special Committee appointed by General Synod, to which the scope and details of the plan was committed, held a meeting, is maturing the scheme, and will in due time report to the Church.

The scheme, in addition to creating and circulating special literature, comprehends a series of church work conventions in all the classes, including sermons, addresses, prayers and offerings, whereby the people shall be encouraged to give themselves and their possessions unreservedly to the Lord and His sacred cause. "Facts are the finger of God." To know the facts of modern missions is the necessary condition of intelligent interest. The purpose is to give these facts to the people; to show the way in which they can be brought and kept before the people. If this is done we expect to greatly increase the interest in the work.

**INCREASED FUNDS ASSUMED.**—General Synod not only authorized a forward movement, but with faith in God and in

the membership of the Church, assumed to provide a decided increase in funds.

The amount assumed annually for the next three years is \$65,000, to be applied as follows: \$50,000 annually for English missions; \$8,000 for Hungarian and Bohemian missions; \$6,000 for German missions in large cities, and \$1,100 for Harbor missions. The \$50,000 is apportioned to the five English Synods only, while the other amounts are apportioned alike to each of the eight Synods.

The whole amount is \$7,100 more than was assumed three years ago. This indicates progress; the work is expanding; the Church is growing. These amounts can be raised, if we have the will to do so. How much will it be per member? The \$50,000 will require of the English Synods 28 cents per member. The Hungarian and Bohemian work calls for  $3\frac{1}{2}$  cents per member; the German work a little over 2 cents, and the Harbor mission work about  $\frac{1}{2}$  cent. This makes a little less than 34 cents which, together with the 6 cents for Church Extension, makes a total of not quite 40 cents per member for Home Mission work in all departments. Who will say the amount is too large? Where is the congregation in which it would involve a hardship to average this amount? We can and we ought to contribute much more than this.

**AGGRESSIVE WORK.**—If the Board is to do the aggressive work outlined and sanctioned by the General Synod, then the full amount assumed must be accepted by the several District Synods and Classes; and further, prompt, systematic and energetic measures must be introduced to put the money into the treasury of the Board. We cannot “make brick without straw.” It is bad policy and worse economy to compel the Board to borrow money from time to time to carry forward the work. What is admissible in an emergency becomes ruinous as a practice. The money paid as interest would sustain an efficient mission at some vital centre of population. The Church *can* provide all the money assumed. Let us resolve that by the help of God we *will* do it.

**ENTHUSIASM.**—If the same enthusiasm that pervaded General Synod can be evoked in the District Synods, Classes and Church Work Conventions, so that the contagion will lay hold of our pastors and people, we shall have all the men and the money we need for our work. No more vital question will come before your Reverend Body than missions. Give an evening, or better still, a session to the consideration of this subject. The more you study and discuss it the more your souls will glow with warmth, and an enthusiasm will be begotten, that will infect the whole Church, and produce results, that will prove a blessing to you, and to the cause of missions,



whereby God will be greatly honored. To this end let us work and pray. May the Head of the Church bless the means employed and hasten the day of awakened enthusiasm, of consecrated energy and of generous offerings.

E. R. ESCHBACH, *President*.

#### **IV.—Report of Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.**

REV. AND DEAR BRETHREN: The Board of Foreign Missions, communicating to your Reverend Body a statement of the condition, successes and outlook of our foreign work, feels that the fullest and most satisfactory exhibit it can make, is to lay before you the report it made to the General Synod at its late meeting in the city of Tiffin, Ohio, last May, a copy of which we herewith send you. That report contains a full exhibit of the condition of our work in Japan, up, practically, to the present time.

The action of General Synod in response to that report, is fully set forth in the report presented to that body by its Standing Committee on Missions, embodied in the published minutes of its proceedings, which, doubtless, is in possession of your body, which renders it unnecessary to repeat it in this communication. Yielding to the pressure of a sentiment, widespread throughout our Church, that the time had come for an extension of our foreign work, the General Synod directed the Foreign Board to plant a new Mission in the Empire of China; as also to reinforce our growing Japan work by sending out three additional missionaries—two men, and one lady. The recent resignation of Miss Mary C. Hollowell, has made it necessary to increase the number of ladies to two, instead of one, as directed by General Synod.

The Board hastened to take steps to carry out the work laid upon it by General Synod. At its last meeting on September 12th, ult., it resolved to establish a mission, consisting of two missionaries in the Province of Hunan in China. Yielding to the importunate urgency of Rev. W. E. Hoy, he was transferred from Japan to the proposed new Mission in China. It then directed the Secretary to issue a call for three male missionaries for Japan and China, and two ladies for the Girls' School in Sendai. The call was accordingly issued in the Church Papers, and such has been the encouraging response as to make it more than probable that the number desired will be appointed at the meeting of the Board, to convene November 7, prox.

Since the revised treaties have gone into effect in Japan, the Educational Department of the Government has adopted such regulations for the management of Schools as may seriously interfere with the educational work of Christian Mis-

sions. The crux of the matter is, the prohibition of all religious teaching and worship in all schools enjoying Government privileges. Any schools imparting religious instructions will do so outside the pale of the privileges, extended by the Government to those legally established. Our Mission has not yet informed the Board how our schools will be affected. We may lose many of our scholars. Our information, as yet, is from the newspapers. We, however, do not despair. We rely upon a power who holds the nations in the hollow of His hands, and in due time He will work His holy will. Meanwhile we press forward in faith.

Recent intelligence is to the effect that Miss Zurfluh is suffering with an attack of typhoid fever. We commend her to the prayers of God's people.

In conclusion, the Board would most respectfully and importunately urge your Reverend Body to give to the enlarged measures and appropriations adopted by General Synod, your most cordial and effective support and co-operation, that, with God's blessing the work may go forward without let or hindrance.

By order of the Board.

S. N. CALLENDER, *Secretary*.

MECHANICSBURG, PA., Oct. 13, 1899.

#### **Report of the Committee on Missions.**

*To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:*

Your Committee on Missions begs leave to submit its report as follows:

The following papers were referred to us:

1. Annual Report of General Board of Home Missions.
2. Report of the Bi-Synodic Board of Missions.
3. An appeal by the Board of Home Missions for a new church building at Washington, D. C.
4. Report of Board of Foreign Missions.
5. Several items from Committee on Minutes of General Synod and Committee on Overtures.
6. Report of J. J. Nissley, Treasurer of Board of Home Missions.

#### HOME MISSIONS.

From these reports and items, we learn that the work has been carried forward faithfully and successfully during the year. The missions under the care of the Boards have made substantial progress. New houses of worship have been erected; church property improved; the spirit of liberality manifested by the large contributions for Missions and the self-helpfulness is worthy of praise. Eight new missions have been enrolled. Lack of funds prevented the enrollment of others.

The church building funds are steadily growing. Three



funds have been completed during the year, and one new one added to the list.

The Hungarian work is advancing. A travelling missionary has been placed in the field. The Board has taken necessary steps to assure proper church relations, and to bring their methods and practices into full harmony with the Church of this country.

The Bohemian work is also of much importance. The congregation organized at Cleveland, Ohio, by Erie Classis, has come under the care of the Board. A lot has been purchased and a church is now being built.

#### FINANCIAL SECRETARY.

In order to carry forward the work of Home Missions, more successfully, with the approval of the General Synod, the Boards appointed Rev. Chas. E. Creitz, Financial Secretary. He entered upon his work September 1, 1899.

#### TWENTIETH CENTURY MOVEMENT.

This movement for Home Missions, as approved by the General Synod, is in process of inauguration. It ought to engage our earnest and prayerful attention and united co-operation.

We submit the following for your consideration:

#### WASHINGTON, D. C.

WHEREAS, The General Board of Home Missions has called our attention to the necessity of a new church building in Washington, D. C., and asks that steps be taken to secure not less than \$30,000 for the purpose of erecting such a building,

*Resolved*, That we approve of the challenge made by the Board of Home Missions to the entire Church for this amount, \$30,000.

*Resolved*, That the Synod hereby urges upon our Classes and pastors to co-operate with the General Board of Home Missions in accomplishing this result.

*Resolved*, That the Synod calls the attention of the Classes and congregations and individual members anew to the importance of these funds; and Classes are urged to take active steps toward securing more of these funds.

#### TWENTIETH CENTURY MOVEMENT.

*Resolved*, That this Synod endorses the Twentieth Century Movement in behalf of Home Missions, as proposed by the General Synod, and heartily commends it to the co-operation of all our Classes and congregations.

*Resolved*, That during the next annual meeting of the Synod, in 1900, a special missionary meeting, in behalf of the

movement shall be held, the program for which shall be prepared by a committee, consisting of the officers of Synod and Synod's member of the General Committee.

*Resolved*, That in order to co-operation in this movement, the Synod appoint a committee of three; that each Classis be requested to appoint a committee of three, and that the Classis request each consistory to appoint a committee of three in each congregation.

*Resolved*, That, in order that this work may be carried into practical effect, the Synod requests each Classis to hold a meeting in the interest of this movement, at the next annual meeting, and also that the Classis direct that such conventions or meetings be held in each congregation and that pastors be requested to preach special sermons on the subject.

*Resolved* That the Synod requests all the Classes to urge their respective congregations to pay their full apportionments to both Home and Foreign Missions, and at the earliest periods, during the classical year, so that the Boards may not be under the necessity of borrowing money to carry on the work.

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

From the Triennial Report of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, and from the supplementary report of the Secretary, we learn of the continued progress in the foreign work. The scope of the work, and the number of preaching stations have been increased. A call has been issued for three male missionaries for Japan and China, and two ladies for the Girls' School at Sendai, Japan. Steps have been taken for the establishment of a mission in China, in accordance with the instructions of the General Synod at its last sessions. We regret to learn of the illness of some of our missionaries.

In view of these facts we recommend the following action:

*Resolved*, That the Synod anew commends the cause of Foreign Missions to the Classes, and realizing that this enlarged work demands increased support, the Classes be most respectfully and importunately urged to give their most cordial and effective support and co-operation to this work.

*Resolved*, That the sympathies of this Synod be extended to the afflicted missionaries, praying that the Great Master whom they serve may speedily restore them to their accustomed health and strength.

C. A. SANTEE, *Chairman*.

Revs. C. Clever, L. E. Coblentz, and C. A. Santee were appointed the Synod's Committee on the Twentieth Century Movement, called for in the foregoing report.



On item 2 of the Committee on Overtures, in answer to the request of the Bi-Synodic Board, the following resolutions were adopted, and the officers of the Synod were authorized to certify thereto under the seal of Synod:

*Resolved*, That this Synod of the Potomac does hereby disclaim any right, title or interest or estate in or to said property or any part thereof, in law or in equity, as trustee or as the beneficiary of a trust or otherwise; that this Synod of the Potomac join with said First Reformed Church of the City of Stockton in petitioning said Superior Court of the County of San Joaquin for permission to sell said property; that when such permission shall have been so obtained, and a purchaser of said property discovered, that this Synod of the Potomac make its deed to said purchaser, conveying all and every right, title, interest or estate whether in law or in equity, that this Synod of the Potomac has in or to said property and every part thereof, freed from every trust and limitation as to the use and occupation thereof; and that such sale convey all the title and estate to said property that this Synod of the Potomac has therein, or that the said Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States has therein as trustee thereof for the benefit of this Synod of the Potomac, or otherwise holds for this Synod, in trust or otherwise, and for every use and purpose.

It is further resolved that the officers of this Synod of the Potomac, to-wit: the President, Rev. George B. Resser, of Hanover, Pa., and the Secretary, Rev. Dr. William M. Deatrick, of Bedford, Pa., be and they are hereby directed, authorized and empowered to proceed to carry out these resolutions, and to execute a deed to the purchaser of said property in the name of the said Synod of the Potomac, and under its corporate seal, as hereinbefore resolved, and said officers are further authorized and directed to appear in any suits, actions or proceedings, in the name and on behalf of this Synod of the Potomac, whether as plaintiff or petitioner, or as defendant or respondent, in any court or courts, that may be required to clear any cloud from the title of said First Reformed Church, its grantees, successors or assigns, in or to said property, to the end that the absolute title may rest in said church, its grantees, assigns or successors, freed from all and every trust and limitation as to its use.

It is further resolved that the said officers be and they are hereby authorized and directed to do and perform every act and thing that may be required to accomplish all the purposes of the whole of this resolution.

It is further resolved that the said Board of Missions be and they are hereby requested, authorized and directed to pro-

ceed to join with said church in petitioning for the sale of said property and that they convey to the purchaser at such sale all the right, title and interest and estate that they may hold in said property, in trust for this Synod of the Potomac or otherwise, freed from all limitations as to its use; and that if no purchaser be so obtained, that said Board proceed as may be required by law to confirm the absolute title to said property in said Church, freed from all trusts and limitations as to its use.

Rev. A. C. Whitmer was nominated to the General Board of Home Missions for Superintendent of the Bi-Synodic Board of Home Missions for the term of four years.

At the election for members of the several Boards of Synod, Rev. C. A. Santee was re-elected a member of the Synodic Board of Missions, for the term of four years.

MEMBERS OF THE SYNODIC BOARD OF MISSIONS AND TERMS OF SERVICE: Rev. C. A. Santee, four years; Revs. F. A. Rupley, Jr., and C. B. Heller, three years; Revs. J. F. Moyer and E. R. Deatrick, two years; and Revs. E. R. Eschbach and J. A. Hoffheins, one year.

## ARTICLE XV.

### FINANCE.

The annual report of the Treasurer of Synod for the past year was presented to the Synod read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Finance for the purpose of being audited. The report is as follows:

#### Treasurer's Report.

GEO. N. FORNEY, Treasurer, in account with the Synod of the Potomac from October 25th, 1898, to October 25th, 1899.

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To balance on hand, October 25th, 1898..... \$1,063 87  
To amounts received from Classes, as follows:

#### MARYLAND CLASSIS.

|                               |         |          |
|-------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Contingent Fund of Synod..... | \$51 00 |          |
| George Zacharias Fund.....    | 10 00   |          |
| Theological Seminary.....     | 75 00   |          |
| Calvin College.....           | 50 60   |          |
| Catawba College.....          | 74 00   |          |
|                               |         | \$260 60 |

#### NORTH CAROLINA CLASSIS.

|                                         |         |          |
|-----------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Contingent Fund of Synod.....           | \$50 00 |          |
| Contingent Fund General Synod.....      | 25 00   |          |
| Catawba College.....                    | 98 00   |          |
| Church Building at Salisbury, N. C..... | 201 75  |          |
|                                         |         | \$374 75 |

#### MERCERSBURG CLASSIS.

|                               |         |          |
|-------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Contingent Fund of Synod..... | \$18 00 |          |
| Catawba College.....          | 100 00  |          |
| Calvin College.....           | 29 00   |          |
|                               |         | \$147 00 |



## CARLISLE CLASSIS.

|                                             |          |                |
|---------------------------------------------|----------|----------------|
| Franklin and Marshall Science Building..... | \$ 82 50 |                |
| Contingent Fund of General Synod.....       | 19 97    |                |
| Salisbury Mission.....                      | 5 00     |                |
| Scranton Mission.....                       | 8 00     |                |
| Contingent Fund of Synod.....               | 29 85    |                |
| Calvin College.....                         | 25 35    |                |
| Theological Seminary.....                   | 29 75    |                |
| Catawba College.....                        | 68 22    |                |
|                                             |          | <hr/> \$268 64 |

## VIRGINIA CLASSIS.

|                                 |         |                |
|---------------------------------|---------|----------------|
| Harbor Missions.....            | \$22 00 |                |
| Missions Among the Germans..... | 25 00   |                |
| Theological Seminary.....       | 30 00   |                |
| Contingent Fund of Synod.....   | 15 00   |                |
| Catawba College.....            | 50 00   |                |
|                                 |         | <hr/> \$142 00 |

## ZION'S CLASSIS.

|                               |         |                |
|-------------------------------|---------|----------------|
| Contingent Fund of Synod..... | \$28 12 |                |
| Calvin College.....           | 14 88   |                |
| Catawba College.....          | 34 55   |                |
| Theological Seminary.....     | 23 87   |                |
|                               |         | <hr/> \$101 42 |

## JUNIATA CLASSIS.

|                               |          |                |
|-------------------------------|----------|----------------|
| Theological Seminary.....     | \$137 00 |                |
| Catawba College.....          | 160 00   |                |
| Calvin College.....           | 45 00    |                |
| Contingent Fund of Synod..... | 31 00    |                |
|                               |          | <hr/> \$373 00 |

## GETTYSBURG CLASSIS.

|                               |         |               |
|-------------------------------|---------|---------------|
| Contingent Fund of Synod..... | \$30 00 |               |
| Theological Seminary.....     | 40 00   |               |
|                               |         | <hr/> \$70 00 |

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|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Nov. 4.  | By legal expenses paid M. L. Keedy.....                                   | \$5 00 |
| Nov. 4.  | By taxes paid on mortgages for 1897-98.....                               | 24 60  |
| Nov. 7.  | By amount paid J. S. Garrison, expenses at Synod.....                     | 1 00   |
| Nov. 7.  | By amount paid Rev. N. H. Skyles, expenses of Synod at Woodstock, Va..... | 26 00  |
| Nov. 7.  | By amount paid W. A. Pence, expenses at Catawba College.....              | 27 90  |
| Dec. 9.  | By amount paid to F. A. Rupley, for expenses of Prof. J. H. Appel.....    | 11 20  |
| Dec. 9.  | By amount paid Rev. W. M. Deatrick, postage and incidentals.....          | 15 00  |
| Dec. 16. | By amount paid Rev. W. M. Deatrick, Stoudenour Note.....                  | 200 00 |
| Dec. 16. | By amount paid Rev. W. M. Deatrick, interest on above Note.....           | 12 00  |
| 1899.    |                                                                           |        |
| Feb. 8.  | By amount paid H. L. Trout, for one blank book..                          | 8 00   |
| Feb. 9.  | By amount paid C. L. Ferner, 3,000 copies Minutes of Synod.....           | 136 20 |
| Feb. 9.  | By amount paid Rev. W. M. Deatrick, salary as Clerk of Synod.....         | 100 00 |
| Feb. 9.  | By amount paid G. S. Griffith, expenses for Sunday-school work.....       | 2 27   |

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|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Feb. 14. | By amount paid Fidelity Trust and Deposit Co., of Baltimore, for Treasurer's bond.....            | \$ 25 00         |
| Mar. 31. | By amount paid Rev. George M. Zacharias, for services rendered in Holland.....                    | 100 00           |
| May 5.   | By amount paid Rev. W. H. Groh, interest on Brechbill Legacy.....                                 | 12 00            |
| May 11.  | By amount paid Rev. J. A. Foil, Treasurer, for Catawba College.....                               | 98 00            |
| May 11.  | By amount paid Rev. J. C. Leonard, for Salisbury Mission.....                                     | 201 75           |
| May 13.  | By amount paid Rev. E. R. Eschbach, expenses at Board of Visitors.....                            | 3 00             |
| May 16.  | By amount paid Rev. J. S. Kieffer, expenses at Board of Visitors.....                             | 3 38             |
| May 23.  | By amount paid Rev. N. H. Skyles, expenses at Board of Visitors.....                              | 11 30            |
| June 12. | By amount paid Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, expenses at Board of Visitors.....                           | 5 28             |
| June 12. | By amount paid Rev. J. H. Cost, expenses Seminary Board meeting.....                              | 7 59             |
| June 22. | By amount paid Rev. J. A. Foil, Treasurer, for Catawba College.....                               | 409 77           |
| Aug. 4.  | By amount paid Rev. J. David Miller, expenses at meeting Board of Education.....                  | 10 45            |
| Aug. 30. | By amount paid John B. Roth, Treasurer, for Theological Seminary.....                             | 242 62           |
| Oct. 17. | By amount paid Rev. H. J. Reutenik, for Calvin College.....                                       | 164 83           |
| Oct. 17. | By amount paid W. R. Barnhart, Treasurer, for Contingent Fund of General Synod.....               | 44 97            |
| Oct. 17. | By amount paid John B. Roth, Treasurer, for Theological Seminary.....                             | 53 00            |
| Oct. 17. | By amount paid Rev. J. A. Foil, Treasurer, for Catawba College.....                               | 77 00            |
| Oct. 17. | By amount paid John J. Nissley, Treasurer, for German, Harbor and Scranton Missions....           | 55 00            |
| Oct. 17. | By amount paid J. C. Leonard, Treasurer, for Salisbury Mission.....                               | 5 00             |
| Oct. 17. | By amount paid Rev. A. M. Schmidt, for Science Building, Franklin and Marshall College            | 82 50            |
| Oct. 21. | By amount paid John B. Roth, Treasurer, for Theological Seminary.....                             | 40 00            |
| Oct. 25. | By amount paid Revs. Hoffmeier and Bahner, expenses at meeting of Board of Trustees of Synod..... | 2 70             |
| Oct. 25. | By amount paid George N. Forney, salary as Treasurer.....                                         | 100 00           |
| Oct. 25. | Balance on hand.....                                                                              | 476 97           |
|          |                                                                                                   | <hr/> \$2,801 28 |

NOTE.—Several of the Classical Treasurers, in violation of a rule of Synod, adopted several years ago, requiring all mission funds to be sent direct to the proper treasurers, and not to the Treasurer of Synod, sent funds to him for Harbor Missions, Church-building, and Work among the Germans, whilst the Treasurers of the other Classes remitted their funds, according to the rule. On motion, the attention of the Classical Treasurers was called anew to this rule of the Synod.



### Report of the Committee on Finance.

The Standing Committee on Finance submitted its report, during the session of Monday morning, which was received, amended, and adopted. The report is as follows:

*To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:*

Your Committee on Finance begs leave to submit the following report:

The Committee has carefully examined the Treasurer's Report, with the accompanying vouchers, and found it correct.

The following amounts having been referred to your Committee, have been apportioned, half of the amount for Contingent Fund of the General Synod to be apportioned and paid by the Classes the present year, and the remaining half next year, to wit:

| Classes.    | Home Missions. | Foreign Missions. | Hungarian and Bohemian Missions. | Work Among Germans. | Harbor Missions. | Beneficiary Education. | Theological Seminary. | Catawba College. | Contingent Fund. | Contingent Fund General Synod. | Totals. |
|-------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|---------|
| Maryland    | \$3000         | \$1585            | \$245                            | \$240               | \$34             | \$976                  | \$183                 | \$194            | \$51             | \$255                          | \$6773  |
| Gett'sburg  | 1735           | 875               | 160                              | 135                 | 26               | 650                    | 128                   | 143              | 30               | 150                            | 4032    |
| Juniata ... | 1735           | 875               | 160                              | 135                 | 25               | 675                    | 129                   | 143              | 31               | 155                            | 4063    |
| Zion's .... | 1130           | 690               | 135                              | 120                 | 21               | 480                    | 94                    | 122              | 25               | 125                            | 2940    |
| Mer'burg    | 1110           | 570               | 135                              | 90                  | 20               | 469                    | 90                    | 83               | 18               | 90                             | 2675    |
| Carlisle .. | 910            | 425               | 95                               | 50                  | 12               | 350                    | 66                    | 63               | 15               | 75                             | 2061    |
| Virginia .. | 555            | 395               | 95                               | 47                  | 11               | 300                    | 58                    | 64               | 15               | 75                             | 1608    |
| N. Carolina | 575            | 425               | 95                               | 30                  | 11               | 300                    | 52                    | 90               | 15               | 75                             | 1668    |
| Total ..    | \$10750        | \$5840            | \$1120                           | \$840               | \$160            | \$4200                 | \$800                 | \$900            | \$200            | \$1000                         | \$25810 |

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. MACKLEY, *Chairman.*

### Arrearages.

The following arrearages are still resting on the different Classes, for the following objects, to wit:

*Contingent Fund of Synod:* Carlisle Classis, \$55.13.

*Contingent Fund of General Synod:* Carlisle Classis, \$13.32.

*Catawba College:* Gettysburg Classis, \$370.00; Zion's Classis, \$195.97; Maryland Classis, \$163.29; Carlisle Classis, \$37.78; Virginia Classis, \$22.00.

*Calvin College:* Gettysburg Classis, \$46.00; North Carolina Classis, \$45.00; Zion's Classis, \$33.86; Maryland Classis, \$25.90; Virginia Classis, \$23.00; Carlisle Classis, \$9.25.

### Report of Synod's Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees presented its annual report, which was received and adopted, to wit:

*To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:*

Your Trustees respectfully present to your reverend body the following report:

The Board held its annual meeting at Hanover, Pa., October 19, 1899. All the members were present.

The officers of the Board were re-elected, viz: President, Elder Jacob H. Shriver; Vice-President and Secretary, Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier.

In accordance with the instructions of Synod last year, your Treasurer gave bond in the sum of \$10,000, with the Fidelity and Deposit Company, of Baltimore, Md., as security for one year from February 1st, 1899, at a cost of \$25.

Your Trustees carefully examined and audited the securities of the Seminary Endowment Fund in the hands of the Treasurer of Synod, and found bonds, notes and mortgages, amounting to their par value, to \$33,000, and bearing a fair rate of interest. Many of these securities have advanced in price since their purchase, and their present market value would be about \$34,000.

At the last meeting of Synod the amount of these investments was reported to be \$33,900.

Losses amounting to \$900 were sustained in the collection of some of these investments, thus leaving the net amount \$33,000, as above reported.

The Seminary Fellowship Fund with accumulated interest now amounts to \$1,626.

In regard to the Philip Brechbill Legacy of \$200, the status of which your Treasurer, in connection with the Trustees, was instructed to investigate, we find that the Synod, having accepted this trust, it can be released from the same only by petitioning the Court of Cumberland County, Pa., to authorize the Synod to pay the principal into the hands of a responsible Trust Company and said Company pay the interest annually to the congregation at Churchtown, Cumberland County, Pa.

The term of office of Rev. F. F. Bahner will expire January 1st, 1900. It will be necessary for the Synod to elect his successor at its present meeting.

By order of the Trustees.

Respectfully submitted,

T. F. HOFFMEIER, *Secretary.*

BALTIMORE, MD., October 24, 1899.

The matter of changing the holding of the Philip Brech-



bill Legacy was re-committed to the Board of Trustees for further action.

Rev. T. J. Barkley was duly elected a member of the Board of Trustees for the term of five years, from January 1st, 1900.

*Members of the Board of Trustees and terms of service:* Rev. T. J. Barkley, for five years; Elder Jacob D. Zehring, for four years; Elder Jacob H. Schriver, for three years; Elder George N. Forney, for two years; and Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier, for one year.

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## ARTICLE XVI.

### APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

None.

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## ARTICLE XVII.

### COMPLAINTS.

Item 6 of Report on Overtures, and Item 9 of Report on Minutes of Classes, were referred to a Special Committee for consideration, consisting of Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier, C. E. Creitz, and Elder J. H. Schriver.

On Friday afternoon, the Committee presented the following report, which was received and adopted, to wit:

The Committee to whom the foregoing items were referred, begs leave to report, as follows, namely:

The Committee has found the complaint in order, and recommend the following order of trial in the case:

1. The hearing of the case shall be made the order of the day on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

2. The documents in the case shall first be read, viz., the Minutes of Zion's Classis relating to the action complained against and the communication of the complainants.

3. The complainants shall have twenty minutes in which to present their case. The representative of the Classis shall then have thirty minutes in which to reply. The complainants shall then have ten minutes in which to close. The vote of the Synod shall then be taken without debate.

Respectfully submitted, T. F. HOFFMEIER, *Chairman*.

The trial of the case took place at the time designated, and in the manner provided. Thereupon, the Synod voted as follows:

*Ayes:* Ministers, J. S. Kieffer, B. R. Carnahan, G. W. Snyder, A. Conner, W. C. Sykes, K. O. Spessard, E. R. Eschbach, S. M. Hench, T. F. Hoffmeier, G. A. Whitmore, H. J. Macalister, S. M. Roeder, A. Bateman, C. A. Santee, I. N. Peightel, F. F. Bahner, I. M. Beaver, E. O. Keen, J. A. Hoffheins, H. Ditzler, A. B. Bauman, A. D. Wolfinger, J. P. Harner, E. S. Hay, J. D. Andrew, I. C. Hesson, W. H. McNairy,

J. N. Faust, J. L. Murphy, M. M. Noacher, G. B. Resser, F. C. Seitz, W. E. Krebs, J. F. Mackley, M. O. Noll, J. D. Miller, C. H. Brandt, J. F. Moyer, G. R. Poetter, P. S. Leinbach, and Elders M. W. Bahn, S. N. Hench, C. H. Coblentz, J. T. Brown, D. C. Hammett, W. S. Flook, J. P. Balthoser, J. H. Cost, C. A. Thomas, S. H. Miller, J. A. Diehl, H. Mickley, C. Wicke, S. Hoeflich, C. P. Matthaei, D. S. Rentch, T. N. Sellers, J. H. Bauserman, J. S. Palmer, A. R. Brodbeck, J. H. Schriver, J. Stambaugh, W. J. Feezer, J. P. Butt, G. W. Weaver, J. H. Sheibley, M. Bechhoefer, J. Brewster, A. C. Daniel. Ayes, 69.

*Nays:* None.

*Non liquet:* Ministers, M. J. Roth, F. S. Lindaman, E. M. Beck. *Non liquet*, 3.

**Report on Meaning of Synod's Action on Complaint Against Zion's Classis.**

Upon the announcement of the result, Rev. A. Spangler gave notice of complaint from the decision to the next meeting of the General Synod.

Revs. T. F. Hoffmeier, J. S. Kieffer, and Elder J. H. Schriver were appointed a committee to define the meaning of the Synod in sustaining the complaint. This Committee subsequently reported as follows, which was received and adopted, to wit:

Your Committee, appointed to prepare a deliverance setting forth the meaning of the action of the Synod in sustaining the complaint against Zion's Classis, offers the following:

*Resolved*, That in sustaining the complaint against the action of Zion's Classis, the Synod decides, that the action of Zion's Classis in refusing to receive Rev. R. E. Butts, who was honorably dismissed to it by the East Susquehanna, as a minister of the Reformed Church in good and regular standing in said Classis, against whom there were no objections on the ground of doctrine or morals, was a violation of Article 53 of the Constitution; that the Classis therefore erred, and its action should be reversed. Respectfully submitted,

T. F. HOFFMEIER, *Chairman*.

## ARTICLE XVIII.

### SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Standing Committee on Sunday-schools presented the following report, which was received and adopted, as follows:

**Report of the Sunday School Committee.**

*To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:*

Your Committee, to whom was referred the Report of the Sunday-school Board, and proceedings of the General Synod on the same subject, begs leave to report:



No interest can be more important than the religious instruction of the rising generation. Under the educational system of religion which has characterized the Reformed Church for three hundred and fifty years, and which belongs to the very genius of Christianity, the Sunday-school must always hold an important place. It is gratifying to know that encouraging success and great progress have attended the efforts of General Synod's Sunday-school Board, as the facts set forth in their detailed report clearly indicate. Great increase has been made in the quantity, and great improvement in the quality of Sunday-school lesson helps and literature under their vigorous management.

The Committee on Missions of this Synod has already reported on various phases of the Twentieth Century Movement and the important missionary features of the Sunday-school Board's report.

We need not recapitulate the recommendations of that Committee or of the Sunday-school Board itself in detail, which will come directly to the Classes without our intervention. However, we deem it proper to emphasize in a general way the action of General Synod, and specially call the attention of the Classes anew to the important features set forth for their consideration in the Report of the Sunday-school Board.

We regret that Virginia Classis has failed to furnish us with a statistical table up to date, in accordance with the urgent request of Synod and also of General Synod. (See page 181 of Minutes.)

Otherwise the table for this year is full and official, as herewith presented.

In conclusion, we submit the following resolutions, as embodying all the action that we deem necessary for this Synod to adopt at this time:

*Resolved*, By the Synod of the Potomac, convened in annual sessions at Baltimore, October, 1899, that we have learned with great pleasure of the gratifying success that has attended the energetic efforts of the Sunday-school Board in the management of the important interests committed to its care.

*Resolved*, That we commend to the Classes, congregations and Sunday-schools under our jurisdiction, the various suggestions and recommendations of General Synod and its Sunday-school Board to promote the increase of our Sunday-schools in numbers and efficiency.

*Resolved*, That the Classes be requested to see to it that the special injunction heretofore given by this Synod, as well as by the General Synod, in the matter of furnishing complete statistical tables for the use of the Sunday-school Board, shall be complied with.

Respectfully submitted,      CYRUS CORT, *Chairman*.

## Report of Committee on Sunday Schools and Statistical Summary.

| NAMES<br>OF<br>CLASSES. | Membership.            |                        |           |        | Relat'n to Ch. |     | Education.          |                                                                                         |                                               |                    | Contributions.                 |                              |                              |                                                                       |                          |                             |                                             |                              |
|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------|--------|----------------|-----|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
|                         | No. of Sunday-schools. | Officers and Teachers. | Scholars. | Total. |                |     | Average Attendance. | No. of Schools open 12 months.<br>If Union Schools, estimated Re-<br>formed Enrollment. | Scholars in full<br>Membership of the Church. | Baptized Scholars. | Rec'd dur'g yr. into full mem. | No. Schools using Catechism. | No. Using Ref. Lesson Helps. | No. of Copies of S. S. papers ta-<br>ken per yr. (not lesson papers). | No. of Books in Library. | To S. S. Work of Gen. Board | To other Church Boards and<br>Institutions. | To other Benevolent Objects. |
| Zion's ....             | 34                     | 617                    | 4941      | 6499   | 2475           | 19  | 621                 | 729                                                                                     | 697                                           | 62                 | 7                              | 12                           | 2625                         | 2859                                                                  | 42                       | 20                          | 225                                         | 2165                         |
| Maryland ..             | 56                     | 1297                   | 7906      | 9094   | 4161           | 42  | 359                 | 2223                                                                                    | 4022                                          | 256                | 21                             | 44                           | 1929                         | 8945                                                                  | 160                      | 872                         | 754                                         | 4208                         |
| Merc'sb'g ..            | 18                     | 346                    | 2370      | 2681   | 1556           | 17  | 30                  | 712                                                                                     | 264                                           | 69                 | 16                             | 17                           | 703                          | 2475                                                                  | 50                       | 381                         | 46                                          | 1635                         |
| *Virginia ..            | 23                     | 285                    | 1488      | 1899   | 1061           |     |                     | 498                                                                                     | 850                                           | 52                 | 9                              | 21                           | 249                          | 1815                                                                  | 54                       | 51                          | 22                                          | 333                          |
| N. Carol'a ..           | 24                     | 238                    | 2131      | 2237   | 1067           | 11  | 278                 | 646                                                                                     | 769                                           | 5                  | 1                              | 12                           | 205                          | 465                                                                   |                          | 7                           | 10                                          | 331                          |
| Gettysb'g ..            | 25                     | 440                    | 2779      | 3219   | 1534           | 15  | 439                 | 912                                                                                     | 1935                                          | 145                | 18                             | 21                           | 195                          | 1718                                                                  | 58                       | 319                         | 239                                         | 1248                         |
| Carlisle ...            | 16                     | 280                    | 2204      | 2484   | 1482           | 16  |                     | 1016                                                                                    | 627                                           | 79                 | 13                             | 16                           | 5777                         | 148                                                                   | 29                       | 78                          | 201                                         | 861                          |
| Juniata ...             | 46                     | 694                    | 4283      | 4963   | 2680           | 27  |                     | 1531                                                                                    | 2104                                          | 141                | 17                             | 40                           | 1605                         | 3521                                                                  | 143                      | 317                         | 283                                         | 1578                         |
|                         | 242                    | 4107                   | 28102     | 33976  | 16016          | 147 | 1727                | 8267                                                                                    | 11268                                         | 857                | 105                            | 183                          | 13288                        | 22946                                                                 | 536                      | 2045                        | 1781                                        | 12359                        |

\*Figures of previous year.

### ARTICLE XIX.

#### CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred under this head.

### ARTICLE XX.

#### PUBLICATION.

The following report was submitted by the Stated Clerk, in connection with item 21 of the Report on Minutes of Synod, which was received and adopted:

#### Report on Publishing the Minutes.

The undersigned begs leave to report, that he had three thousand copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the Twenty-sixth Annual Sessions of the Synod, printed and bound in pamphlet form, as instructed, and distributed them according to the rules and regulations of the Synod in the case. The work was executed by the Reformed Church Publication Board of Philadelphia, at a cost of \$136.20.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk.*

#### Annual Report of the Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States.

DEAR BRETHREN: In order to present to your Reverend Bodies a full and clear exhibit of the condition of your publication affairs at the close of the third year of the present manage-



ment, we submit for your examination, first of all, the report of the Treasurer of the Board and that of the Business Manager. The first is given in summarized form, the second in full.

The report of Treasurer is as follows:

REPORT OF JAMES T. REBER, TREASURER OF THE REFORMED CHURCH PUBLICATION BOARD, SEPT. 22, 1899.

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS.

|                                                |          |                  |
|------------------------------------------------|----------|------------------|
| September 15th, 1898, Balance in Treasury..... | \$221 40 |                  |
| From interest during the year.....             | 208 19   |                  |
| From principal paid during the year.....       | 2,800 00 |                  |
| From bonus by Sunday-school Board.....         | 1,000 00 |                  |
| From final balance of Fisher Estate.....       | 18 58    |                  |
|                                                |          | <hr/> \$4,248 17 |

DISBURSEMENTS.

|                                               |          |                  |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------|------------------|
| For expenses of Board meetings.....           | \$126 00 |                  |
| For Printing Report.....                      | 8 50     |                  |
| For Premium and Accrued Interest.....         | 74 33    |                  |
| For Reading & Columbia R. R. Co. Mort. Bonds. | 4,000 00 |                  |
| Balance in Treasury, September 22, 1899.....  | 39 34    |                  |
|                                               |          | <hr/> \$4,248 17 |

INVESTMENTS, SEPTEMBER 22, 1899.

|                                                 |            |                  |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------|------------------|
| Mort. Bond, Massillon Church, Massillon, O..... | \$1,000 00 |                  |
| Mort. Bond, Youngstown Ch., Youngstown, O..     | 1,000 00   |                  |
| Mortgage Bonds, Reading & Columbia R. R....     | 4,000 00   |                  |
|                                                 |            | <hr/> \$6,000 00 |

The Treasurer's books and report in detail were audited by J. H. Stein, and found correct.

By comparing this report with the report of the Treasurer of last year, it will be seen that the invested funds have been increased by \$1,200.00. Adding to the \$6,000.00 invested, the sum of \$1,878.94, which is the amount placed in the plant as working capital, gives the whole amount belonging to the Treasury of the Board, or \$7,878.94.

The report of the Business Manager is as follows:

THIRD ANNUAL STATEMENT OF REV. C. R. FERNER, BUSINESS MANAGER OF THE REFORMED CHURCH PUBLICATION BOARD, FROM JUNE 30, 1898, TO JUNE 30, 1899.

I.

|                                                        |            |
|--------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Cash on hand June 30, 1898, as per last statement..... | \$1,980 19 |
|--------------------------------------------------------|------------|

RECEIPTS DURING THE YEAR.

|                      |            |                   |
|----------------------|------------|-------------------|
| For "Messenger"..... | \$9,591 33 |                   |
| For "Review".....    | 628 85     |                   |
| For Book Store.....  | 8,717 84   |                   |
|                      |            | <hr/> \$18,938 02 |

EXPENDITURES DURING THE YEAR.

|                      |            |                   |
|----------------------|------------|-------------------|
| For "Messenger"..... | \$9,656 98 |                   |
| For "Review".....    | 643 82     |                   |
| For Book Store.....  | 6,195 07   |                   |
|                      |            | <hr/> \$16,495 81 |

|                                          |            |
|------------------------------------------|------------|
| Balance cash in bank, June 20, 1899..... | \$4,422 34 |
|------------------------------------------|------------|

## II.

## Resources of the Board.

## ASSETS.

|                                             |            |                   |
|---------------------------------------------|------------|-------------------|
| Cash in bank.....                           | \$4,422 34 |                   |
| Invoices of Stock on hand.....              | 4,071 66   |                   |
| Due on Accounts in Book Store.....          | 1,093 14   |                   |
| Due from subscriptions to "Messenger".....  | 6,260 00   |                   |
| Due from Advertisements in "Messenger"..... | 450 00     |                   |
| Due from Subscriptions to "Review".....     | 330 00     |                   |
|                                             |            | <hr/> \$16,627 14 |

## LIABILITIES.

|                                               |            |                   |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------|-------------------|
| Balance on Working Capital Advanced.....      | \$1,878 94 |                   |
| Advance Subscriptions paid on "Messenger".... | 1,789 60   |                   |
| Advance Subscriptions paid on "Review".....   | 151 00     |                   |
| Accounts Overpaid in Book Store.....          | 14 00      |                   |
| Bills Payable, Printers for "Messenger".....  | 474 64     |                   |
| "    Contributors to "Messenger".....         | 96 00      |                   |
| "    Book Store.....                          | 58 42      |                   |
|                                               |            | <hr/> \$4,462 60  |
| Balance.....                                  |            | <hr/> \$12,165 54 |

J. H. Stein and H. M. Housekeeper, two members of the Board, were appointed an auditing committee, who reported that they had examined the books and accounts of the manager from July 1st, 1898, to July 1st, 1899, "and found everything correct."

From the above financial statement of the manager, it will be seen that the receipts from the periodicals and book store were \$1,332.13 greater this year than last, and the expenditures for the same objects, \$98.44 less, showing \$1,430.57 in favor of the year just closed. It will also be seen that the assets exceed the liabilities by \$12,165.54. These last figures show the net earnings of the establishment during the three years of the present management.

The assets we believe to be good. The only items whose face value could not be converted into so much cash money, are the sums due on the periodicals, but if these were discounted at 50 per cent. there would still remain about \$9,000.00 of net earnings, an average of about \$3,000.00 annually, which is the best showing your Board has been able to make for many years past.

The attention of the Synod is called to the large sum due on subscriptions to the "Messenger." The manager's efforts to have subscribers pay more promptly have met with only partial success. We ask the co-operation of the pastors of the Synods in our endeavors to remedy this evil.

By examining the statement under consideration it will be learned that the "Messenger" again failed to pay for itself, though it came much nearer doing so than last year. The deficit this year is only \$65.65; last year it was \$1,294.94. If the subscriptions were paid punctually according to the conditions,



the "Messenger" would not only pay all the expenses incurred in its behalf, but also produce a balance in its favor annually, and thus open the way for a reduction of the subscription price.

Last year we reported to your bodies that Rev. John N. Naly had been secured as General Agent for the Board, who was to visit the Synods and devote his whole time to systematic labors in the interests of the publications of the Church. Mr. Naly, however, finally declined to serve. Afterwards Rev. H. N. Bassler was secured to act in the proposed capacity, but at the end of five months he resigned the position, and the Board has not yet been able to find any one else to take his place. We still are of the conviction that such an agent is very much needed, and we trust we may be able to secure one in the near future.

The request continues to be made in different sections of the Church for a reduction of the price of the "Messenger." The subscription price has been reduced at various times in the past, but no further reduction can be made at this time, unless the general character and grade of the paper be lowered or the subscription list materially increased. We do not believe that it would be wise to do the first, and we do not have any very great hopes that the second will be accomplished very soon. But in our judgment the Board, the manager, the Synods and the pastors ought to put forth united and persistent efforts to give the paper a much wider circulation, and thus prepare the way for a reduction of the subscription price. As a matter of encouragement, we would state that during the months of July and August last, over four hundred names were added to the subscription list, and that the circulation is now several hundred copies larger than it was at any time in the last two years. But while on this point we would add yet, that compared with the prices paid for family papers published by other Churches, the subscription price of the "Messenger" is not too high.

During the year your Board appointed a committee to confer with a committee of the Ohio Synod with reference to the advisability of uniting the eastern and western papers. This committee subsequently reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them but that the conditions were not favorable at present to the opening of negotiations on the subject. Your Board took the above action in obedience to a resolution passed by the Pittsburgh Synod at its last year's sessions.

In compliance with the actions of the Synods last year, the Publication and Sunday-school Boards met in Philadelphia on the 22d and 23d days of February, 1899, and appointed committees who should endeavor to adjust the difficulties between the two Boards. These committees met on the 11th of

May, and after much discussion and deliberation entered into an additional agreement which was signed by all the members of the committees and afterwards approved by the two Boards. In this agreement your Board did not secure all they claimed they were entitled to, but it was the best to which the representatives of the Sunday-school Board felt themselves able to agree. The agreement is as follows, and is now submitted to your Reverend Bodies for approval.

Agreement made and concluded this 11th day of May, 1899, between Conrad Clever, Calvin S. Gerhard and Rufus W. Miller, a committee of the Sunday-school Board of the Reformed Church, and James T. Reber, A. E. Truxal and W. Rush Gillan, a committee of the Reformed Church Publication Board. In order to adjust the differences existing between the two Boards, it is hereby agreed that from and after the 1st day of July, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, each Board shall employ its own manager. The Sunday-school Board to pay the whole of the salary of the bookkeeper, being the position now occupied by Mr. Kulp. The bookkeeper to give two-thirds of his time to the work of the Sunday-school Board, and one-third to the work of the Publication Board. Each party to pay half the salary of the stenographer and clerk; that is the position now held by Miss Harris. Each party to pay half the salary of the errand boy; that is the position now occupied by Wm. Brown. The Sunday-school Board to pay two-thirds of the rent, and the Publication Board, the one-third. The business of renting rooms, employing additional help, or the employment of help to take the place of any joint help now employed, shall be committed to the Secretary of the Sunday-school Board and the editor of the "Messenger." In case of any question arising as to the publication or sale of any book or books, the matter to be determined by the editor of the "Messenger," and the Secretary of the Sunday-school Board.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have hereunto set our hand and seal the day and the year above mentioned.

|                    |         |
|--------------------|---------|
| CONRAD CLEVER.     | [Seal.] |
| CALVIN S. GERHARD. | [Seal.] |
| RUFUS W. MILLER.   | [Seal.] |
| JAMES T. REBER.    | [Seal.] |
| A. E. TRUXAL.      | [Seal.] |
| W. RUSH GILLAN.    | [Seal.] |

At the last meeting of the Board, held September 22d, Rev. C. R. Ferner tendered his resignation as Business Manager, to take effect on the 31st day of October. In accepting his resignation, the Board placed on record "its hearty appreciation of the faithful services of Rev. C. R. Ferner during the time he was in its employ as Business Manager."



The terms of office of B. Wolf, Jr., and of Samuel Hoefflich expire December 31st, 1899. The Synods to which these brethren belong are expected to fill the approaching vacancies at their present session.

In conclusion we would yet say that in the judgment of your Board, your publication affairs have now reached a safe and solid basis, and we believe that by proper care and attention on the part of the management, and by the hearty co-operation on the part of the Synods, and especially of the pastors, the plant will enter upon a period of prosperity and success.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. TRUXAL,  
*Secretary.*

JAMES T. REBER,  
*President.*

#### **Report of Committee on Publication.**

The Committee on Publication presented its report, during the session of Monday forenoon, which was received, amended, and adopted, and as adopted is as follows:

*To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:*

Your Committee on Publication begs leave to offer the following report:

The papers submitted to us were the Report of the Publication Board, the action of the Pittsburgh Synod touching the same, and an overture from a member of the Reformed Church praying for a reduction in the price of the "Reformed Church Messenger." We also had conferences with representatives of the Board of Publication, the Sunday-school Board, and the retiring Business Manager of the Publication Board.

From the Publication Board's report, we gather that a most gratifying measure of success has attended the Board's operations, though they are still hampered by the failure of many patrons, especially subscribers to the "Messenger" and "Review" to pay for the same, if not entirely at least promptly. We suggest the following action:

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod heartily rejoices in the present prosperity of our publication affairs, which, in the judgment of the Board, have now reached a safe and solid basis.

2. *Resolved*, That we deplore the fact that such considerable sums are still due on subscriptions to the "Messenger" and the "Review," notwithstanding the efforts put forth for their collection, and would earnestly urge all those indebted on these and other accounts, to a speedy settlement, and prompt payments hereafter; and that the attention of the Classes and pastors be called to this matter.

3. *Resolved*, That pastors, consistories and people be urged to patronize their own periodical and book departments, and to pay their bills promptly, and that special efforts be made for

the wider circulation of the "Messenger," which is so worthy of their support in its present superior condition.

4. *Resolved*, That this Synod recommends a reduction in the price of the "Messenger" as soon as circumstances warrant it, without a lowering of the character and grade of the paper.

5. *Resolved*, That we do not approve of the agreement between the Publication Board and the Sunday-school Board, in which the renting of rooms, the employment of help, etc., is committed to the editor of the "Messenger," instead of to the Business Manager of the Boards, where it properly belongs.

6. *Resolved*, That this Synod records its appreciation of the faithful and efficient work of Rev. C. J. Musser, in his arduous duties of editing the "Reformed Church Messenger"; and in this time of his affliction expresses the earnest hope and prayer for his speedy recovery.

7. *Resolved*, That the Synod recognizes the efficient work of the Board of Publication, and hereby records its hearty appreciation of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

J. DAVID MILLER, *Chairman*.

The Stated Clerk was directed to have three thousand copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the present sessions duly authenticated, printed and bound in pamphlet form, and distribute them among those entitled to receive them.

At the election for members of the several Boards of the Synod, held during the session of Saturday afternoon, Rev. Calvin S. Slagle was elected a member of the Reformed Church Publication Board, for the term of four years.

*Members of the Publication Board and terms of service:* Rev. C. S. Slagle, for four years; W. Rush Gillan, Esq., for three years.

## ARTICLE XXI.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

During the session of Saturday forenoon, the Standing Committee on Nominations presented its report, which was received and adopted, and a sufficient number of tickets of the nominations was ordered to be printed for the use of the Synod. The election was made the order of the day for 4 o'clock on Saturday afternoon. At the time designated, the election was held, Revs. G. A. Whitmore, G. Stibitz, E. O. Keen and F. S. Lindaman acting as tellers, who collected the ballots, counted the votes, and furnished the President with the result of the election. The result will be found elsewhere, in connection with the action of the Synod on the reports of the Boards of Education, Regents of Mercersburg College, Wo-



man's College, Catawba College, Missions, Trustees of Synod, and Publication.

**Report of the Committee on Orphan Homes.**

The Standing Committee on Orphan Homes presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

*To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:*

Your Committee on Orphan Homes offers the following report:

There were referred to it the 36th Annual Report of the Bethany Orphans' Home, Womelsdorf, Pa., and the Annual Report of St. Paul's Orphans' Home, Butler, Pa.

From these reports and the addresses made to this Synod by the representatives of the same, we are pleased to learn that these Homes in the past year have shared in the divine favor and have enjoyed not only the sympathy and support of the congregations and Sunday-schools of the Church, but also the generous gifts of individual members by donation and bequest. From these reports, the following facts are drawn:

In the Bethany Home, there are 118 children, of which number 15 are from this Synod. All are poor and dependent upon the charity of the Church. That the indebtedness of the Home is something over \$2,000, and that to meet this indebtedness, carry forward the work, and properly care for the fatherless children, there will be needed during the year at least \$8,000.

In the St. Paul's Home, there are 76 children, 13 of which are from this Synod. The annual cost in the Home of keeping a child is about \$100. The receipts from the churches and Sunday-schools of this Synod were \$834.76; that the indebtedness of the Home has increased during the past year, owing to the insufficiency of income, and is now over \$11,000, and is a heavy burden and causes anxiety; and further that the permanent endowment is \$7,500.

In view of the above facts, your Committee most heartily recommends the adoption of the following:

*Resolved*, That these Homes be commended anew through the pastors to the churches and Sunday-schools within the bounds of this Synod, and that they be earnestly requested to devote their Christmas offerings to the relief of God's orphan poor.

*Resolved*, That, if possible, these offerings be so increased that not only the growing needs of these Homes may be more fully met, but that the duty of this Synod to care for her children in these Homes be fully discharged.

*Resolved*, That this Synod hereby gives expression to its heartfelt gratitude to the Great Head of the Church for the

many and rich blessings resting upon these Homes, as is manifest in their continued and growing usefulness and prosperity.

Respectfully submitted,

SIMON S. MILLER, *Chairman.*

Revs. T. S. Land, in behalf of St. Paul's Orphan Home, and T. M. Yundt, in behalf of Bethany Orphan Home, both set forth in forcible addresses before the Synod the cause in general, and the specific condition, needs and claims of those Homes respectively.

**Society for the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows.**

The following statement was presented to the Synod by the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, in accordance with the request of the Synod, and was ordered to be spread upon the minutes, to wit:

*To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:*

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: As Treasurer of "The Society for the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States," we present the following statement of the receipts and expenditures of the same within your bounds for the year closing September 30, 1899:

| RECEIPTS.                   |          |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| Maryland Classis.....       | \$148 52 |
| Gettysburg Classis.....     | 130 00   |
| Virginia Classis.....       | 130 00   |
| Carlisle Classis.....       | 56 93    |
| Zion's Classis.....         | 49 73    |
| Mercersburg Classis.....    | 41 28    |
| Juniata Classis.....        | 23 85    |
|                             | <hr/>    |
|                             | \$580 31 |
| EXPENDITURES.               |          |
| Paid to ten annuitants..... | \$550 00 |

We call attention also to the needs of "The Daniel Stine Memorial Home," located at Myerstown, Pa. It is a home for aged ministers, their wives and the widows of ministers, and is under the control of the Society for Relief. It has one minister residing in it. It appeals for help to carry it forward and maintain it successfully.

With the prayer that the Holy Spirit may guide you in your deliberations, I am,

Yours fraternally,  
SIMON S. MILLER, *Treasurer.*

The officers of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, present the following statement of the financial operations for the year closing September 30th, 1899, for publication in the Minutes of your reverend body, to wit:



## RECEIPTS.

|                                           |             |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Cash in treasury, as per last report..... | \$3,826 17  |
| From royalty on Hymnal.....               | 2,583 00    |
| From loans paid.....                      | 5,000 00    |
| From collections in the churches.....     | 1,565 49    |
| From Pittsburgh Synod, special.....       | 500 00      |
| From Daniel Stine Memorial Home.....      | 640 46      |
| From individual gifts.....                | 259 00      |
| From interest on investment.....          | 1,952 31    |
| Total.....                                | \$16,326 43 |

## EXPENDITURES.

|                                                   |             |
|---------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| For new investment.....                           | \$7,583 00  |
| For 53 annuitants.....                            | 3,275 00    |
| For Daniel Stine Memorial Home.....               | 1,487 47    |
| For expenses, salary, postage, printing, etc..... | 506 35      |
| Cash in treasury, September 30, 1899.....         | 3,474 01    |
| Total.....                                        | \$16,326 43 |
| Invested fund.....                                | \$41,433 00 |

The following ministers have been made members during the year:

*Life Members.*—Revs. Marsby J. Roth, Wm. Braun, Chas. B. Weaver, David Scheirer, Gustavus A. Schwedes, J. Stucki, Solomon A. Alt, Miles O. Noll, Jas. I. Good, D.D., Albert B. Bauman, Jno. M. Souder, Daniel E. Schoedler, Wm. C. B. Shulenberg, Samuel H. Dietzel, David E. Kiopp, D.D., Simon P. Harrington, Daniel G. Hetrick, J. Calvin Leinbach, John Vogt, D.D., Irwin M. Beaver, Albert H. Hibschan, Franklin A. Guth, Frederick C. Seitz, Jonathan H. Pannebecker, D.D., Franklin Wetzel, John A. Peters, D.D., Joseph P. Bachman, and Francis M. Line.

*Annual Members.*—Revs. Bechtold, Ruf, John P. Stein, D.D., and Elias E. Gruenstein.

The officers of the Society, as required by the charter, are:

Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick, D.D., President, Bedford, Pa.

Rev. J. D. Miller, Vice-President, Duncannon, Pa.

Rev. T. Frank Hoffmeir, Secretary, Mt. Pleasant, Md.

Rev. Simon S. Miller, Treasurer, Myerstown, Pa.

The foregoing statement was referred for consideration to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs. J. A. Hoffheins, J. B. Shontz, and Elder J. A. Diehl. This Committee subsequently submitted the following report, which was received and adopted, to wit:

**Report of Special Committee.**

*To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:*

The Special Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Treasurer of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and

their Widows, together with a general statement of the work of the Society during the past year, as also a statement bearing upon the present status of the Daniel Stine Memorial Home, respectfully submit the following:

It gives us pleasure to report that the Society continues in its good work with a marked degree of success. The deserving cause which the Society has espoused, has met with a kindly response on the part of the membership throughout the Church. That the work of the Society may still further its noble charity, our membership learning more fully the workings of the Society, we recommend that the Report of the Treasurer and the general statement of the Society be embodied with the proceedings of this Synod.

We commend anew the Society and its claims to the hearty sympathy and the willing and ready support of the several Classes of the Synod, and to the pastors and membership of the Church generally.

In the matter of the Stine Memorial Home, as this Synod has no control in the management and ownership of the Home, it being in the sole control of the Society itself, yet if it be within the province of your Committee and of this Synod to express an opinion in regard to the necessity of such a Home, we would respectfully suggest that such necessity is at least questionable. In view of the fact, after the test made through a course of several years, that there is but one claimant so far for the privileges of the Home, and the heavy burden of expense involved in keeping the Home open, your Committee is of the opinion that it would be the part of wisdom on the part of the Society to place the matter before the kind donor of the Home, with the wish expressed that she should so reconsider her noble gift in the matter of its use, as to relieve the Society from the heavy burden imposed upon it.

We recommend further that all our pastors be urged to secure a generous offering from all their several congregations during the Synodical year, in behalf of the work of the Society.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. HOFFHEINS, *Chairman.*

#### **Report on Item Nine of Overtures.**

Item 9 of the Report on Overtures, was referred to a Special Committee for consideration, composed of Revs. F. F. Bahner, J. F. Moyer, and Elder M. Bechhoefer. This Committee later on presented the following report, which was received and adopted, namely:

*To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:*

Your Committee, to whom was referred item 9 in the Report of the Committee on Overtures, begs leave to report as follows:



Said item is entitled, "The Heidelberg Catechism, with Questions," by Rev. Aaron Spangler, A.M. The book contains the full, standard text of the Catechism in clear type. Following each question and answer of the Catechism, is a series of plain questions upon them, well calculated to bring out their leading truths, as taught in the Scriptural proof-texts, which are indicated in their proper places. In the judgment of your Committee, this Catechism is especially well adapted for use by parents and Sunday-school teachers, and may be helpful, also, to pastors and elders in imparting instructions to the young in the doctrines and duties of our holy religion. The book contains, also, the Litany, and prayers and hymns for use in connection with catechetical instructions. We deem this book worthy of the approval and recommendation of this Synod. Respectfully submitted,

F. F. BAHNER, *Chairman.*

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**Report of Committee on Address of Rev. Zacharias.**

At the session of Monday forenoon, Rev. George M. de Fere Zacharias, who had returned from Europe a few days previous, addressed the Synod at considerable length on his kind reception and labors in Holland in examining the records and making copies of documents bearing on the early history of the Reformed Church in this country. On motion, the address of Mr. Zacharias was referred for consideration to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs. E. R. Eschbach, J. S. Kieffer, and Elder A. R. Brodbeck. This Committee offered the following report, which was received and adopted :

*To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:*

Your Committee, to whom was referred the Address of the Rev. Geo. M. de Fere Zacharias, respectfully reports as follows :

*Resolved*, That we heartily welcome Rev. Zacharias, and congratulate him on his safe return, in health, into our midst.

*Resolved*, That this Synod has heard with satisfaction, of his cordial reception in Holland and elsewhere in Europe ; of the facilities that were accorded him in his researches after data bearing upon our early Church History ; and of the success of his efforts in securing transcripts of valuable original documents, letters, and other matter of value and interest to the Church.

*Resolved*, That inasmuch as these transcripts, letters, etc., are to be permanently deposited in the Library of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., for the use of the Church and as its property, this Synod hereby assumes the additional sum of \$100 of the debt incurred in securing these documents.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. ESCHBACH, *Chairman.*

On motion, the Treasurer of Synod was instructed to pay to the consistory of the church in which the sessions of Synod were held, twenty-five dollars to defray incidental expenses.

On Thursday morning, a Reportorial Committee, consisting of Revs. S. M. Roeder, E. O. Keen and A. Bateman, was appointed to report the proceedings of the Synod for the public press.

Shortly before final adjournment, the Committee reported that it had attended to the duty assigned, which was received and adopted.

## ARTICLE XXII.

### MINISTERIAL NECROLOGY.

The Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology, appointed at the last annual meeting of the Synod, having measurably failed to prepare a suitable report, the Synod directed the Stated Clerk to prepare the requisite report, which is here given, after being adopted in silence, the Synod rising for the purpose, namely:

During the Synodical year just closed, thrice has death entered the ranks of the ministry of the Synod, and removed three of our fellow-servants, all well advanced in years.

#### REV. THOMAS LONG.

Thomas Long, the first to be taken, was a son of John and Susan Long, and was born in Davidson county, North Carolina, November 18th, 1818. He departed this life last Christmas, at the advanced age of 80 years, 1 month, and 7 days. He was licensed to preach the Gospel by the North Carolina Classis, in 1862, and presumably was ordained to the work of the Holy Ministry soon thereafter, as he was about forty-four years of age when he began his public ministry. His education for the work was of a limited character. He commenced his labors during the Civil War, when communication between the North Carolina Classis and the Synod and Church North was cut off, and a supply of ministers could not be obtained from it. He became the pastor of the Upper Davidson charge, in 1862, and remained such for twenty-five years, serving the charge faithfully. This was his only charge. For the last five years of his life, he was a great sufferer, until death put an end to his sufferings. His body lies buried at Hebron.

#### REV. JESSE W. CECIL.

Mr. Cecil, also a native of North Carolina, was likewise born in Davidson county, September 9th, 1833, and died March 5th, 1899, at the age of 65 years, 5 months and 24 days. He was born of Methodist parentage, and was licensed to



preach by the Methodist Church. He joined the North Carolina Classis in 1862, and served as pastor of the Lower Davidson charge, the West Rowan charge, and Concord charge, besides supplying vacant congregations at different times and places. The last few years of his life were spent in retirement at Thomasville, residing there until the time of his death. He was buried at Piney Wood Cemetery.

REV. WILLIAM GOODRICH.

William Goodrich was born January 6th, 1826, at New Hagerstown, Ohio. His parents were George and Abigail Goodrich. When nineteen years of age, he came East with his brother-in-law, Rev. Henry Harbaugh, and taught school for a time near Lewisburg, Pa. In 1848, he came to Mercersburg and entered the Freshman Class of Marshall College. After taking a regular collegiate course, he graduated from that institution with the Class of 1851, in September of the year just named. Not long afterward he was examined and licensed to preach the Gospel by the Susquehanna Classis, and then dismissed to the Lebanon Classis. Early in 1852, he was ordained to the work of the Christian Ministry by said Classis, and engaged in missionary work at Columbia, Maytown, and Marietta, Lancaster county, Pa., serving this missionary field for a year or less. He received and accepted a call to the New Providence charge in the same county, where he labored two years. When the Lancaster Classis was organized, in November, 1852, he became a member of the newly-formed Classis. In 1854, a call from the Bloomsburg charge, in Columbia county, Pa., was extended to him, which he accepted, and here he served a large field for eleven and one-half years. In the autumn of 1865, he received a call to the pastorate of the Clear Spring charge, in Washington county, Maryland, which he accepted, and with his family moved to Clear Spring, November 25th, 1865. He remained the true and faithful pastor of the Clear Spring charge until his ministry closed, May 6, 1899, during the long period of over thirty-three years, at the age of 73 years and 4 months.

On September 14, 1852, he married Miss Caroline Elizabeth Straub, of Milton, Pa., who became a true and faithful helpmeet in his long, laborious, and successful ministry, and who, though an invalid for years, survived her husband.

ARTICLE XXIII.

**RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.**

The following resolutions of thanks were moved and unanimously adopted, to wit:

*Resolved*, That the cordial thanks of the Synod be tendered to the pastor and membership of St. Paul's Reformed

Church, of Baltimore, and other friends, who have so hospitably entertained the members of the Synod, during our present sessions.

*Resolved*, That a copy of the foregoing resolution be furnished to Pastor Coblantz, to be read by him from his pulpit.

*Resolved*, That the Stated Clerk return the thanks of the Synod to the General Passenger Agents of the Western Maryland Railroad and the Pennsylvania Railroad, for the favor of reduced rates of fare to the members attending the sessions of the Synod.

The Synod having completed the transaction of the business for which it had assembled, the Synodical roll was called, and no one was found absent without permission.

The journal of Monday's session was then read and approved, and the Minutes of Synod were ordered to be engrossed.

#### ARTICLE XXIV.

##### ADJOURNMENT.

The following was adopted before adjournment, namely :

*Resolved*, That when the Synod adjourns finally, it be to meet in the Reformed Church of Mercersburg, Pa., on Tuesday evening, October 2d, A. D. 1900, at 7.30 o'clock.

The next annual meeting will be as a delegated Synod.

The Synod adjourned finally on Monday evening, October 30th, 1899, at 10.15 o'clock, with repetition of the Apostles' Creed, uniting in the Lord's Prayer, singing a doxology, and Apostolic Benediction.

GEORGE B. RESSER, *President*.

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk*.

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WM. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk*.



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|                               |                                  | Congregations. | Communicants. | Communed. | Unconfirmed. | Infant Baptisms. | Adult Baptisms. | Confirmed. | Certif. or Re-Prot. | Dismissed. | Excommunicated. | Deaths, Communicants. | Deaths, Unconfirmed. | Students for Ministry. | Benevolent Purposes. | Congregational Purposes. |                                    |                       |                      |
| Aaron Spangler.....           | Trinity.....                     | 7              | 565           | 481       | 238          | 43               | 4               | 39         | 3                   | 6          | ...             | 14                    | 4                    | ...                    | \$168 61             | \$1165 00                | 507 W. Market St., York, Pa.       |                       |                      |
| Aaron H. Leisz.....           | Without charge.....              | 1              | 410           | 363       | 220          | 22               | 3               | 14         | 26                  | 8          | 3               | 4                     | 3                    | ...                    | 794 00               | 3044 00                  | Host, Berks Co., Pa.               |                       |                      |
| Francis C. Yost.....          | Heidelberg, York.....            | 1              | 325           | 228       | ...          | 14               | 1               | 11         | 5                   | 8          | ...             | 8                     | 3                    | ...                    | 51 00                | 3737 00                  | 202 E. Market St., York, Pa.       |                       |                      |
| George Stibitz, Ph.D.....     | Zion's Reformed, York.....       | 4              | 940           | 899       | 670          | 93               | 6               | 26         | 14                  | 9          | ...             | 45                    | 15                   | ...                    | 580 00               | 4162 00                  | 411 W. Philadelphia St., York, Pa. |                       |                      |
| Oliver P. Schellhammer.....   | Paradise.....                    | 3              | 352           | 263       | 200          | 35               | 5               | 6          | 8                   | 4          | 2               | 15                    | 10                   | ...                    | 544 00               | 1400 00                  | 413 W. Philadelphia St., York, Pa. |                       |                      |
| Gideon P. Fisher.....         | Kreutz Creek.....                | 1              | 450           | 375       | 150          | 16               | 1               | 14         | 20                  | 11         | ...             | 16                    | 2                    | ...                    | 3889 09              | 2826 00                  | Hellam, York Co., Pa.              |                       |                      |
| Morgan A. Peters.....         | Without charge.....              | 1              | 450           | 375       | 150          | 16               | 1               | 14         | 20                  | 11         | ...             | 16                    | 2                    | ...                    | 3889 09              | 2826 00                  | Leighton, Pa.                      |                       |                      |
| Henry H. Apple.....           | Trinity, 1st Reformed, York..... | 2              | 98            | 81        | 68           | 8                | ...             | 5          | ...                 | ...        | ...             | 3                     | 3                    | ...                    | 32 00                | 665 00                   | 119 S. Duke St., York, Pa.         |                       |                      |
| Charles P. Kehl.....          | St. John's.....                  | 3              | 424           | 358       | 233          | 20               | ...             | 9          | 3                   | 6          | 2               | 8                     | 4                    | ...                    | 376 06               | 1335 00                  | Red Lion, York Co., Pa.            |                       |                      |
| Garny Weber.....              | Glen Rock.....                   | 4              | 414           | 389       | 285          | 23               | ...             | 21         | 4                   | 3          | 12              | 6                     | 1                    | ...                    | 255 68               | 830 00                   | Glen Rock, York Co., Pa.           |                       |                      |
| Hiram J. Hillegass.....       | Shrewsbury.....                  | 1              | 266           | 220       | 250          | 15               | 2               | 11         | 14                  | 2          | 8               | 4                     | 5                    | ...                    | 949 67               | 8698 40                  | Shrewsbury, York Co., Pa.          |                       |                      |
| H. M. John Klein.....         | Grace, York.....                 | 1              | 160           | 139       | ...          | 10               | 1               | 30         | 56                  | 1          | ...             | 1                     | 4                    | ...                    | 248 00               | 1653 11                  | Park and Hartley Sts., York, Pa.   |                       |                      |
| E. Bruce Lytle.....           | Memorial, York.....              | 4              | 283           | 185       | 142          | 16               | 5               | 6          | 3                   | 2          | ...             | 14                    | 5                    | ...                    | ...                  | 575 00                   | 117 W. Market St., York, Pa.       |                       |                      |
| George W. Shellenberger.....  | Dillsburg.....                   | 1              | 41            | 39        | 24           | 8                | ...             | 9          | ...                 | ...        | ...             | 1                     | ...                  | ...                    | ...                  | 232 00                   | Dillsburg, York Co., Pa.           |                       |                      |
| A. Theodore Wright.....       | Bethany.....                     | 2              | 33            | 26        | 46           | 1                | ...             | ...        | ...                 | ...        | ...             | ...                   | 3                    | ...                    | ...                  | 25 00                    | 766 W. King St., York, Pa.         |                       |                      |
| Chas. P. Kehl, supply.....    | Mt. Pleasant.....                | 1              | 25            | 25        | 28           | ...              | 2               | 4          | 3                   | 1          | ...             | ...                   | ...                  | ...                    | 12 10                | 47 00                    | Red Lion, York Co., Pa.            |                       |                      |
| Gideon P. Fisher, supply..... | Locust Grove Congregation.....   | 1              | 36            | 4786      | 4051         | 2604             | 324             | 205        | 159                 | 61         | ...             | 30                    | 139                  | 61                     | 1                    | \$7925 21                | 55 00                              | Hellam, York Co., Pa. |                      |
| Total, 15.                    | 15.                              | 36             | 4786          | 4051      | 2604         | 324              | 205             | 159        | 61                  | ...        | 30              | 139                   | 61                   | 1                      | 1                    | \$7925 21                | \$30429 51                         |                       |                      |

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|                          |                            |                |               |                 |                  |            |                     |            |                 |                       |                         |                        |                      |                      |                          |           |                                     |                                  |
| Jos. W. Santee, D.D.     | Without charge.            | 1              | 580           | 413             | 415              | 25         | 3                   | 13         | 7               | 32                    | 2                       | 14                     | 11                   | 1                    | \$1923 00                | \$4413 00 | Mercersburg, Pa.                    |                                  |
| Geo. L. Staley, D.D.     | Without charge.            | 1              | 200           | 190             | 85               | 6          | 1                   | 1          | 1               | 1                     | 1                       | 1                      | 1                    | 1                    | 1                        | 1         | 1                                   | 1628 N. Calvert St., Balto., Md. |
| Edmund R. Eschbach, D.D. | Evangelical Reformed.      | 2              | 200           | 190             | 85               | 6          | 1                   | 1          | 1               | 1                     | 1                       | 1                      | 1                    | 1                    | 1                        | 1         | 1                                   | Frederick.                       |
| Charles H. Knight.       | Clearspring.               | 1              | 520           | 405             | 220              | 19         | 3                   | 18         | 11              | 10                    | 1                       | 6                      | 6                    | 5                    | 2                        | 688 00    | 1500 00                             | Clearspring.                     |
| J. Spangler Kiefer, D.D. | Zion.                      | 1              | 617           | 486             | 380              | 29         | 7                   | 1          | 1               | 1                     | 1                       | 6                      | 6                    | 5                    | 2                        | 688 00    | 2553 00                             | Hagerstown.                      |
| Joel T. Rosster, D.D.    | First, Baltimore.          | 3              | 184           | 158             | 92               | 8          | 7                   | 3          | 1               | 1                     | 1                       | 1                      | 1                    | 1                    | 1                        | 165 00    | 565 00                              | 822 N. Calvert St., Balto.       |
| T. Franklin Hoffmeier.   | Mt. Pleasant.              | 1              | 327           | 266             | 65               | 4          | 6                   | 11         | 9               | 5                     | 7                       | 1                      | 6                    | 2                    | 1                        | 1155 00   | 3000 00                             | Mt. Pleasant.                    |
| Conrad Clever, D.D.      | Third, Baltimore.          | 3              | 416           | 227             | 284              | 32         | 2                   | 16         | 4               | 5                     | 2                       | 2                      | 5                    | 1                    | 214 00                   | 770 00    | 516 W. Mulberry St., Balto.         |                                  |
| Slas M. Hench.           | Utica.                     | 3              | 416           | 227             | 284              | 32         | 2                   | 16         | 4               | 5                     | 2                       | 2                      | 5                    | 1                    | 214 00                   | 770 00    | Frederick.                          |                                  |
| Jacob B. Kershner.       | Without charge.            | 1              | 133           | 140             | 116              | 10         | 2                   | 7          | 11              | ...                   | 4                       | 2                      | 4                    | 1                    | 285 00                   | 1026 00   | 175 Lacock St., Allegheny, Pa.      |                                  |
| Louis F. Zinkham.        | Supt. Bayview Asylum.      | ...            | ...           | ...             | ...              | ...        | ...                 | ...        | ...             | ...                   | ...                     | ...                    | ...                  | ...                  | ...                      | ...       | Bayview Asylum, Balto.              |                                  |
| E. Ranson Destrack, B.D. | Trinity.                   | 3              | 289           | 219             | 107              | 14         | 4                   | 14         | 5               | ...                   | 2                       | 6                      | 1                    | 1                    | 217 00                   | 1222 00   | 342 3/4 Ave., Woodberry.            |                                  |
| Barton R. Carnahan.      | Mt. Moriah.                | 1              | 141           | 126             | 70               | 3          | 3                   | 4          | 6               | ...                   | 2                       | 6                      | 1                    | 1                    | 168 00                   | 1200 00   | Frederickville.                     |                                  |
| Calvin S. Slagle.        | Westminster.               | 1              | 387           | 307             | 168              | 9          | 3                   | 14         | 7               | 2                     | 1                       | 3                      | ...                  | ...                  | 250 00                   | 2002 00   | Westminster.                        |                                  |
| Geo. A. Snyder.          | Christ, Hagerstown.        | 2              | 231           | 216             | 168              | 9          | 3                   | 14         | 7               | 2                     | 1                       | 3                      | ...                  | ...                  | 248 00                   | 4295 00   | Hagerstown.                         |                                  |
| Adam S. Weber.           | Faith.                     | 1              | 482           | 355             | 552              | 29         | 28                  | 12         | 10              | 15                    | 9                       | 1                      | 3                    | 1                    | 205 00                   | 930 00    | 130 S. Patterson Park Ave., Balto.  |                                  |
| Geo. A. Whitmore.        | Thurmont.                  | 4              | 482           | 355             | 552              | 29         | 28                  | 12         | 10              | 15                    | 9                       | 1                      | 3                    | 1                    | 205 00                   | 930 00    | Thurmont.                           |                                  |
| A. Thomas G. Apple.      | Grace, Washington.         | 1              | 143           | 99              | 46               | 4          | 3                   | 2          | 3               | 1                     | 1                       | 3                      | 5                    | ...                  | 45 00                    | 973 00    | 1405 15th, N. W., Washington, D. C. |                                  |
| Harry F. Dittmar.        | Jefferson.                 | 2              | 222           | 192             | 120              | 11         | 1                   | 3          | 2               | 3                     | 1                       | 2                      | 3                    | 1                    | 240 00                   | 800 00    | Jefferson.                          |                                  |
| Geo. W. Snyder.          | Boonsboro.                 | 1              | 121           | 81              | 78               | 3          | 1                   | 4          | 1               | 5                     | 1                       | 1                      | 1                    | 1                    | 81 00                    | 533 00    | Boonsboro.                          |                                  |
| Charles W. Levan.        | St. Stephen's.             | 3              | 277           | 221             | 90               | 18         | 4                   | 2          | ...             | ...                   | 4                       | 5                      | 1                    | 1                    | 1060 00                  | 852 00    | 306 E. 23d St., Balto.              |                                  |
| Hiram J. Macalister.     | Carroll.                   | 3              | 277           | 221             | 90               | 18         | 4                   | 2          | ...             | ...                   | 4                       | 5                      | 1                    | 1                    | 125 00                   | 580 00    | Westminster.                        |                                  |
| Avril Conner.            | Manor.                     | 1              | 191           | 141             | 110              | 13         | 1                   | 16         | 16              | 5                     | 4                       | 3                      | 1                    | 1                    | 442 00                   | 1114 00   | Adamstown.                          |                                  |
| William I. Stewart, B.D. | Christ, Baltimore.         | 1              | 457           | 377             | 403              | 33         | 4                   | 25         | 22              | 2                     | 20                      | 10                     | 16                   | 1                    | 148 00                   | 5150 00   | 217 Druid Hill Ave., Balto.         |                                  |
| Isaac M. Motter.         | Without charge.            | ...            | ...           | ...             | ...              | ...        | ...                 | ...        | ...             | ...                   | ...                     | ...                    | ...                  | ...                  | ...                      | ...       | Frederick.                          |                                  |
| Lloyd E. Coblenz.        | St. Paul's, Baltimore.     | 3              | 553           | 408             | 227              | 19         | 3                   | 22         | 2               | 2                     | 2                       | 2                      | 2                    | 1                    | 692 00                   | 2674 00   | 304 N. Carey St., Balto.            |                                  |
| Samuel M. Roeber.        | Manchester.                | 3              | 158           | 138             | 60               | 10         | 2                   | 11         | 2               | 2                     | 8                       | 5                      | 2                    | 1                    | 222 00                   | 1485 00   | Manchester.                         |                                  |
| William C. Sykes.        | Burkittsville.             | 2              | 331           | 268             | 175              | 12         | 1                   | 23         | 7               | 1                     | 7                       | 7                      | 1                    | 1                    | 100 00                   | 650 00    | Burkittsville.                      |                                  |
| Alexander Bateman, Ph.D. | Taneytown.                 | 2              | 331           | 268             | 175              | 12         | 1                   | 23         | 7               | 1                     | 7                       | 7                      | 1                    | 1                    | 238 00                   | 830 00    | Taneytown.                          |                                  |
| K. Otis Spessard, Ph.D.  | Union Bridge.              | 1              | 585           | 415             | 237              | 15         | 1                   | 19         | 4               | 10                    | 8                       | 2                      | 400                  | 1                    | 938 00                   | 830 00    | Union Bridge.                       |                                  |
| Simon S. Miller.         | Silver Run.                | 1              | 585           | 415             | 237              | 15         | 1                   | 19         | 4               | 10                    | 8                       | 2                      | 400                  | 1                    | 121 00                   | 725 00    | Union Bridge.                       |                                  |
| J. Stewart Hartman.      | Supt. Daniel Stone Home.   | ...            | ...           | ...             | ...              | ...        | ...                 | ...        | ...             | ...                   | ...                     | ...                    | ...                  | ...                  | 800 00                   | ...       | Silver Run.                         |                                  |
| Christopher Ness.        | Foreign Missionary.        | ...            | ...           | ...             | ...              | ...        | ...                 | ...        | ...             | ...                   | ...                     | ...                    | ...                  | ...                  | ...                      | ...       | Myers town, Pa.                     |                                  |
| Fred W. Bald.            | Grace, Baltimore.          | 1              | 135           | 100             | 97               | 19         | 15                  | 14         | ...             | ...                   | 2                       | 2                      | 80                   | 1                    | 85 00                    | ...       | Sendal, Japan.                      |                                  |
| Geo. M. de F. Zacharias. | Without charge.            | ...            | ...           | ...             | ...              | ...        | ...                 | ...        | ...             | ...                   | ...                     | ...                    | ...                  | ...                  | ...                      | ...       | 110 W. Ostend St., Balto.           |                                  |
| Wm. C. B. Shulenberger.  | Church of the Incarnation. | 1              | 159           | 135             | 65               | 8          | 1                   | 10         | 3               | ...                   | 3                       | ...                    | 71                   | 1                    | 71 00                    | 599 00    | Baltimore.                          |                                  |
| Cyrus Curt, D.D.         | Sabillasville.             | 3              | 116           | 88              | 101              | 3          | 1                   | 3          | 3               | 3                     | 3                       | 2                      | 48                   | 1                    | 48 00                    | 122 00    | Sabillasville.                      |                                  |
| Samuel H. Dietzel.       | Cavetown.                  | 3              | 361           | 335             | 271              | 7          | 2                   | 5          | 2               | 6                     | 5                       | 5                      | 177                  | 1                    | 177 00                   | 825 00    | Cavetown.                           |                                  |
| John W. Pontius.         | Middletown.                | 1              | 493           | 365             | 225              | 10         | 12                  | 6          | 6               | 4                     | 4                       | 1                      | 809                  | 1                    | 809 00                   | 1073 00   | Middletown.                         |                                  |
| Eugene L. McLean.        | Grace, Frederick.          | 1              | 131           | 118             | 150              | 6          | 12                  | 56         | ...             | ...                   | 1                       | 1                      | 126                  | 1                    | 126 00                   | 967 00    | Frederick.                          |                                  |
| David J. Wolf.           | Glade.                     | 2              | 213           | 140             | 125              | 4          | 9                   | 5          | 5               | ...                   | 2                       | ...                    | 228                  | 1                    | 228 00                   | 797 00    | Walkersville.                       |                                  |
| T. F. Hoffmeier, supply. | St. Peter's, Rocky Hill.   | 1              | 23            | 10              | 14               | 2          | ...                 | ...        | ...             | ...                   | ...                     | ...                    | 1                    | 1                    | 1 00                     | 14 00     | 1400                                |                                  |
| I. M. Motter, supply.    | Farview.                   | 1              | 52            | 28              | 54               | 2          | ...                 | ...        | ...             | ...                   | 9                       | ...                    | 8                    | 1                    | 8 00                     | 13 00     | 1300                                |                                  |
| Elmer L. Coblenz.        | St. Paul's, Ridgely.       | 1              | 124           | 105             | 55               | 4          | 3                   | 1          | 2               | 3                     | ...                     | ...                    | 52                   | 1                    | 52 00                    | 311 00    | Ridgely, Caroline Co., Md.          |                                  |
| Rosemary H. Apple.       | Licentiate.                | ...            | ...           | ...             | ...              | ...        | ...                 | ...        | ...             | ...                   | ...                     | ...                    | ...                  | ...                  | ...                      | ...       | Frederick.                          |                                  |
| Wm. E. Lampe.            | Licentiate.                | ...            | ...           | ...             | ...              | ...        | ...                 | ...        | ...             | ...                   | ...                     | ...                    | ...                  | ...                  | ...                      | ...       | Frederick.                          |                                  |



# CLASSIS OF MERCERSBURG.

| MINISTERS.                  | CHARGES.                    | MEMBERS.       |               |           | ADDITIONS.   |                  |                 | LOSSES.    |                     |            | CONTRIBUTIONS.  |                       | POST OFFICE ADDRESS. |                      |                        |                                    |
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|                             |                             | Congregations. | Communicants. | Communed. | Unconfirmed. | Infant Baptisms. | Adult Baptisms. | Confirmed. | Certif. or Re-Prov. | Dismissed. | Excommunicated. | Deaths, Communicants. |                      | Deaths, Unconfirmed. | Students for Ministry. | Benevolent Purposes.               |
| William M. Deatrick, D.D.   | Without charge.             | 1              | 68            | 59        | 58           | 2                | 4               | 8          | 1                   | 1          | 20              | 1                     | 1                    | 1                    | \$65 00                | Bedford, Bedford Co., Pa.          |
| Jacob Hassler, D.D.         | Disabled.                   | 1              | 395           | 320       | 125          | 15               | 7               | 15         | 13                  | 4          | 35              | 7                     | 8                    | 1                    | \$175 00               | Fort Loudon, Franklin Co., Pa.     |
| William C. Cremer, D.D.     | Supply for Middleburg.      | 2              |               |           |              |                  |                 |            |                     |            |                 |                       |                      |                      | 2300 00                | Chambersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.    |
| Franklin F. Bahner, D.D.    | Waynesboro.                 |                |               |           |              |                  |                 |            |                     |            |                 |                       |                      |                      |                        | Waynesboro, Franklin Co., Pa.      |
| Geo. W. Aughinbaugh, D.D.   | Without charge.             |                |               |           |              |                  |                 |            |                     |            |                 |                       |                      |                      |                        | Greenville, Franklin Co., Pa.      |
| George B. Russell, D.D.     | Without charge.             |                |               |           |              |                  |                 |            |                     |            |                 |                       |                      |                      |                        | Zullinger, Franklin Co., Pa.       |
| Jonas B. Shontz.            | 2d Church, Chambersburg.    | 1              | 321           | 271       | 143          | 16               | 4               | 16         | 7                   | 10         | 3               | 2                     | 2                    |                      | 246 00                 | Chambersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.    |
| Irwin M. Beaver.            | Grindstonehill.             | 2              | 406           | 315       | 180          | 12               | 9               | 17         | 3                   | 15         | 5               | 6                     | 1                    |                      | 301 00                 | Marion, Franklin Co., Pa.          |
| William C. Schaeffer, Ph.D. | 1st Church, Chambersburg.   | 1              | 380           | 257       | 250          | 3                | 6               | 10         | 5                   |            |                 |                       |                      |                      | 686 00                 | Chambersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.    |
| Henry N. Bassler.           | St. Thomas.                 | 4              | 322           | 283       | 110          | 11               | 7               | 6          | 4                   | 11         |                 | 4                     | 2                    |                      | 128 00                 | St. Thomas, Franklin Co., Pa.      |
| Isaac N. Peightel.          | Greencastle.                | 1              | 320           | 290       | 275          | 6                | 2               | 7          | 20                  | 2          | 10              | 3                     | 2                    |                      | 340 00                 | Greencastle, Franklin Co., Pa.     |
| Albert H. Hishman.          | Shippensburg.               | 1              | 317           | 253       | 98           | 1                | 1               | 2          | 9                   | 4          |                 | 5                     | 3                    |                      | 514 00                 | Shippensburg, Cumberland Co., Pa.  |
| Charles A. Santee.          | Mercersburg.                | 2              | 299           | 246       | 115          | 6                | 1               | 9          | 2                   | 2          | 1               | 4                     | 1                    |                      | 370 00                 | Mercersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.     |
| Charles M. Smith.           | McConnellsburg.             | 3              | 151           | 125       | 77           | 8                | 1               | 2          |                     |            |                 |                       |                      |                      | 71 95                  | McConnellsburg, Fulton Co., Pa.    |
| Edward O. Keen.             | St. Paul's, Waynesboro.     | 2              | 241           | 195       | 105          | 7                | 1               | 5          | 2                   | 3          |                 | 1                     | 1                    |                      | 375 00                 | Waynesboro, Franklin Co., Pa.      |
| Christian Gumbert.          | London.                     | 3              | 241           | 184       | 120          | 10               | 4               | 7          | 3                   | 7          |                 | 4                     | 2                    |                      | 123 00                 | Fort Loudon, Franklin Co., Pa.     |
| William C. Cremer, D.D.     | Supply, Mont Alto.          | 1              | 53            | 45        | 20           | 2                | 2               | 2          | 2                   | 1          | 2               | 1                     |                      |                      | 70 00                  | Chambersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.    |
| Jonas B. Shontz.            | Supply, Fayetteville.       | 1              | 10            | 6         |              |                  |                 |            |                     |            |                 |                       |                      |                      | 10 00                  | Chambersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.    |
| Committee of Supply.        | Quincy.                     | 1              | 22            | 16        | 10           |                  |                 | 2          | 1                   |            | 2               | 2                     | 1                    |                      | 8 00                   | Quincy, Franklin Co., Pa.          |
| George R. Zacharias.        | Disabled.                   |                |               |           |              |                  |                 |            |                     |            |                 |                       |                      |                      |                        | Upper Strasburg, Franklin Co., Pa. |
| William M. Irvine, Ph.D.    | Lic. Pres. Mercersburg Col. |                |               |           |              |                  |                 |            |                     |            |                 |                       |                      |                      |                        | Mercersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.     |
| 18.                         |                             | 26             | 3546          | 2898      | 1618         | 99               | 40              | 102        | 76                  | 65         | 71              | 42                    | 26                   | 7                    | \$3823 74              | \$16500 00                         |

# CLASSIS OF VIRGINIA.

| MINISTERS.              | CHARGES.           | MEMBERS.       |               |              |                 | ADDITIONS.   |                  |                 |            | LOSSES.              |            |                 |                  | CONTRIBUTIONS. |                        | POST OFFICE ADDRESS. |                 |                          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
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| Jacob C. Leonard, B.D.....   | Central Rowan.....            | 4 177 170 185 14             | 15 8          | ..... | .....        | .....            | .....      | .....      | .....               | .....      | .....             | .....           | .....                | .....                  | .....                | .....                    | Crescent, N. C.     |                      |
| J. M. Luther Lyerly.....     | Burlington.....               | 3 98 81 37 2                 | 1 6           | ..... | .....        | .....            | .....      | .....      | .....               | .....      | .....             | .....           | .....                | .....                  | .....                | .....                    | Burlington, N. C.   |                      |
| James D. Andrew.....         | Without charge.....           | .....                        | .....         | ..... | .....        | .....            | .....      | .....      | .....               | .....      | .....             | .....           | .....                | .....                  | .....                | .....                    | Hickory, N. C.      |                      |
| Julius H. Shuford.....       | Upper Davidson.....           | 4 458 315 199 14             | 4 8 3         | ..... | .....        | .....            | .....      | .....      | .....               | .....      | .....             | .....           | .....                | .....                  | .....                | .....                    | Lexington, N. C.    |                      |
| Harvey A. M. Holshouser..... | East Rowan.....               | 2 338 263 223 16             | 16 3 10       | 1 2 4 | .....        | .....            | .....      | .....      | .....               | .....      | .....             | .....           | .....                | .....                  | .....                | .....                    | Rockwell, N. C.     |                      |
| Wm. H. McNairy.....          | Without charge.....           | .....                        | .....         | ..... | .....        | .....            | .....      | .....      | .....               | .....      | .....             | .....           | .....                | .....                  | .....                | .....                    | West Chester, Pa.   |                      |
| B. Frank Davis.....          | West Rowan.....               | 2 196 185 145 17             | 1 6 1         | ..... | .....        | .....            | .....      | .....      | .....               | .....      | .....             | .....           | .....                | .....                  | .....                | .....                    | China Grove, N. C.  |                      |
| Anthony Shulenberger.....    | Without charge.....           | .....                        | .....         | ..... | .....        | .....            | .....      | .....      | .....               | .....      | .....             | .....           | .....                | .....                  | .....                | .....                    | Newton, N. C.       |                      |
| Clarence Clapp.....          | Lincoln.....                  | 4 322 290 141 8              | 6 19 10       | 9     | .....        | .....            | .....      | .....      | .....               | .....      | .....             | .....           | .....                | .....                  | .....                | .....                    | Maiden, N. C.       |                      |
| Theodore C. Hesson.....      | Lower Davidson.....           | 5 353 261 136 11             | 5 13 8        | 1 3 4 | .....        | .....            | .....      | .....      | .....               | .....      | .....             | .....           | .....                | .....                  | .....                | .....                    | McKee, N. C.        |                      |
| Lewis M. Kerschner.....      | Catawba.....                  | 4 150 102 60 10              | .....         | ..... | .....        | .....            | .....      | .....      | .....               | .....      | .....             | .....           | .....                | .....                  | .....                | .....                    | Conover, N. C.      |                      |
| Charles H. Riedesel.....     | Newton.....                   | 1 148 137 60 4               | 1 5 3         | 6 1 1 | .....        | .....            | .....      | .....      | .....               | .....      | .....             | .....           | .....                | .....                  | .....                | .....                    | Newton, N. C.       |                      |
| Wm. A. Long, Ph.D.....       | Concord.....                  | 1 63 47 30 4                 | 2 6 1         | ..... | .....        | .....            | .....      | .....      | .....               | .....      | .....             | .....           | .....                | .....                  | .....                | .....                    | Concord, N. C.      |                      |
| Vacant.....                  | Guilford.....                 | 2 303 283 122 1              | .....         | ..... | .....        | .....            | .....      | .....      | .....               | .....      | .....             | .....           | .....                | .....                  | .....                | .....                    | Danville, N. C.     |                      |
| Geo. A. Stauffer.....        | Without charge.....           | .....                        | .....         | ..... | .....        | .....            | .....      | .....      | .....               | .....      | .....             | .....           | .....                | .....                  | .....                | .....                    | China Grove, N. C.  |                      |
| Henry E. Sechler, Lic.....   | Thomasville.....              | 3 181 140 48                 | .....         | 2 3 2 | .....        | .....            | .....      | .....      | .....               | .....      | .....             | .....           | .....                | .....                  | .....                | .....                    | Thomasville, N. C.  |                      |
| Jacob N. Faust.....          | Lenoir Mission.....           | 1 11 11                      | .....         | 2     | .....        | .....            | .....      | .....      | .....               | .....      | .....             | .....           | .....                | .....                  | .....                | .....                    | Lenoir, N. C.       |                      |
| Vacant.....                  | Mt. Bethel Mission.....       | 1 24 12 34 3                 | .....         | ..... | .....        | .....            | .....      | .....      | .....               | .....      | .....             | .....           | .....                | .....                  | .....                | .....                    | Blowing Rock, N. C. |                      |
| Vacant.....                  | Salisbury.....                | 1 13 7 8 3                   | .....         | ..... | .....        | .....            | .....      | .....      | .....               | .....      | .....             | .....           | .....                | .....                  | .....                | .....                    | Salisbury, N. C.    |                      |
|                              |                               | 43 3314 2704 1691 128 19 117 | 62 46 1 84    | 41    | 18 9         | \$1872 00        | \$5710 00  |            |                     |            |                   |                 |                      |                        |                      |                          |                     |                      |

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| MINISTERS.              | CHARGES.                  | MEMBERS.       |               |           |             | ADDITIONS.       |                 |            | LOSSES.             |            |                 |                             | CONTRIBUTIONS.               |                        | POST OFFICE ADDRESS. |                           |                                  |                   |
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|                         |                           | Congregations. | Communicants. | Communed. | Uncommuned. | Infant Baptisms. | Adult Baptisms. | Confirmed. | Certif. or Re-Prot. | Dismissed. | Excommunicated. | Deaths, Uncommen-<br>cants. | Deaths, Uncom-<br>municated. | Students for Ministry. |                      | Benevolent Pur-<br>poses. | Congregational<br>Purposes.      |                   |
|                         |                           |                |               |           |             |                  |                 |            |                     |            |                 |                             |                              |                        |                      |                           |                                  |                   |
| William K. Zieher, D.D. | Without charge.           | .....          | .....         | .....     | .....       | .....            | .....           | .....      | .....               | .....      | .....           | .....                       | .....                        | .....                  | .....                | .....                     | Hanover, Pa.                     |                   |
| John C. Bowman, D.D.    | Prof. in Sem., Lan., Pa.  | .....          | .....         | .....     | .....       | .....            | .....           | .....      | .....               | .....      | .....           | .....                       | .....                        | .....                  | .....                | .....                     | 444 W. James St., Lancaster, Pa. |                   |
| Thomas J. Barkley, D.D. | Gettysburg.               | 1              | 296           | 280       | 290         | 11               | 1               | 10         | 8                   | 2          | .....           | .....                       | 6                            | .....                  | 1                    | \$315 00                  | \$2000 00                        | Gettysburg, Pa.   |
| John H. Hartman.        | Lisichy's.                | 4              | 728           | 645       | 486         | 47               | 2               | 40         | 7                   | 5          | .....           | .....                       | 20                           | 10                     | 1                    | 319 00                    | 1100 00                          | Hanover, Pa.      |
| Franklin A. Guth.       | Jefferson.                | 3              | 790           | 700       | 587         | 52               | 1               | 42         | 4                   | 10         | .....           | .....                       | 2                            | 10                     | 16                   | 450 00                    | 1200 00                          | Codorus, Pa.      |
| Walter E. Krebs, D.D.   | Without charge.           | .....          | .....         | .....     | .....       | .....            | .....           | .....      | .....               | .....      | .....           | .....                       | .....                        | .....                  | .....                | .....                     | Littlestown, Pa.                 |                   |
| Francis S. Lindaman.    | Christ. Church.           | 3              | 735           | 675       | 475         | 41               | 2               | 28         | 9                   | 5          | .....           | .....                       | 17                           | 10                     | 2                    | 834 00                    | 1200 00                          | Littlestown, Pa.  |
| George B. Resser.       | Emmanuel.                 | 1              | 430           | 350       | 197         | 14               | 1               | 21         | 6                   | 9          | .....           | .....                       | 7                            | 1                      | 2                    | 1238 00                   | 1850 00                          | Hanover, Pa.      |
| George P. Stem.         | Without charge.           | .....          | .....         | .....     | .....       | .....            | .....           | .....      | .....               | .....      | .....           | .....                       | .....                        | .....                  | .....                | .....                     | Siegfried, Pa.                   |                   |
| Edward D. Miller.       | West Manheim.             | 2              | 229           | 200       | 98          | 21               | .....           | .....      | .....               | 2          | .....           | .....                       | 3                            | .....                  | .....                | 92 00                     | 460 00                           | Hanover, Pa.      |
| J. Marion Mickle.       | Without charge.           | .....          | .....         | .....     | .....       | .....            | .....           | .....      | .....               | .....      | .....           | .....                       | .....                        | .....                  | .....                | .....                     | McKnightstown, Pa.               |                   |
| John F. Mackey, M.D.    | Cashtown.                 | 3              | 362           | 274       | 200         | 13               | 10              | 9          | 1                   | 1          | .....           | .....                       | 3                            | 8                      | 3                    | 195 00                    | 7138 00                          | Fairfield, Pa.    |
| William D. Lefevre.     | Without charge.           | .....          | .....         | .....     | .....       | .....            | .....           | .....      | .....               | .....      | .....           | .....                       | .....                        | .....                  | .....                | .....                     | Littlestown, Pa.                 |                   |
| Peter E. Helmer.        | New Oxford.               | 3              | 571           | 530       | 450         | 30               | 6               | 14         | 6                   | 10         | .....           | .....                       | 9                            | 5                      | .....                | 319 00                    | 1382 00                          | New Oxford, Pa.   |
| Milton M. Noacher.      | Arendtsville.             | 2              | 455           | 380       | 282         | 18               | 2               | 17         | 9                   | 7          | .....           | .....                       | 8                            | 2                      | .....                | 346 00                    | 860 00                           | Arendtsville, Pa. |
| Marsby J. Roth.         | Trinity.                  | 1              | 532           | 435       | 365         | 33               | .....           | 25         | 17                  | 2          | .....           | .....                       | 4                            | 11                     | 2                    | 273 00                    | 2005 00                          | Hanover, Pa.      |
| Paul M. Spangler.       | East Berlin.              | 4              | 363           | 286       | 125         | 24               | 14              | 27         | 7                   | 8          | .....           | .....                       | 11                           | 3                      | .....                | 80 00                     | 660 00                           | East Berlin, Pa.  |
| Whorton A. Kline.       | Prof. in Ursinus College. | .....          | .....         | .....     | .....       | .....            | .....           | .....      | .....               | .....      | .....           | .....                       | .....                        | .....                  | .....                | .....                     | Collegeville, Pa.                |                   |
| Frederick C. Seltz.     | Littlestown.              | 1              | 398           | 260       | 150         | 7                | .....           | 7          | 3                   | 6          | .....           | .....                       | 3                            | 3                      | .....                | 260 00                    | 750 00                           | Littlestown, Pa.  |
| T. J. Barkley, Supply.  | St. Mark's Congregation.  | 1              | 100           | 90        | 60          | 2                | .....           | 8          | 2                   | .....      | .....           | .....                       | 1                            | .....                  | .....                | 25 00                     | 175 00                           | Gettysburg, Pa.   |
| 19.                     |                           | 29             | 5900          | 5105      | 3765        | 313              | 29              | 241        | 95                  | 63         | 1               | 20                          | 107                          | 64                     | 9                    | \$4846 00                 | \$12378 00                       |                   |



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| MINISTERS.                 | CHARGES.                 | MEMBERS.       |           | ADDITIONS.   |                  |                 | LOSSES.    |                     |            |                 |                   | CONTRIBUTIONS.             |                           | POST OFFICE ADDRESS. |                        |                           |                             |                    |  |
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|                            |                          | Communicants.  | Communed. |              |                  |                 |            |                     |            |                 |                   |                            |                           |                      |                        |                           |                             |                    |  |
| Wm. R. H. Deatrich, D. D.  | New Bloomfield.          | 1              | 80        | 76           | 45               | 7               | 9          | 6                   | 5          | 1               | 2                 | 3                          | 2                         | \$108 00             | \$400 00               |                           | New Bloomfield, Pa.         |                    |  |
| J. David Miller.           | Duncannon.               | 3              | 232       | 187          | 81               | 11              | 3          | 7                   | 5          | 4               | 9                 | 4                          | 1                         | 1                    | 278 19                 | 1143 28                   |                             | Duncannon, Pa.     |  |
| William H. Groh.           | Carlisle Springs.        | 4              | 174       | 148          | 90               | 3               | ...        | ...                 | 6          | ...             | 9                 | ...                        | 3                         | ...                  | 155 05                 | 635 00                    |                             | Carlisle, Pa.      |  |
| Miles O. Noll.             | Carlisle.                | 1              | 369       | 335          | 150              | 14              | 8          | 22                  | 11         | 9               | 6                 | 4                          | ...                       | ...                  | 543 00                 | 1961 00                   |                             | Carlisle, Pa.      |  |
| Titus C. Strock.           | Zion's.                  | 4              | 520       | 405          | 429              | 14              | 12         | 19                  | 17         | 15              | 14                | 2                          | 2                         | 2                    | 217 07                 | 10010 92                  |                             | Blain, Pa.         |  |
| James M. Mullan.           | Newport.                 | 2              | 360       | 308          | 145              | 8               | 6          | 10                  | 18         | 18              | ...               | 2                          | 2                         | ...                  | 465 00                 | 1197 54                   |                             | Newport, Pa.       |  |
| R. Leighton Gerhart, D. D. | Newburg.                 | 1              | 134       | 120          | 80               | 5               | 2          | 5                   | 3          | 1               | ...               | 1                          | ...                       | 1                    | 140 00                 | 620 00                    |                             | Newburg, Pa.       |  |
| Charles H. Brandt.         | Landisburg.              | 4              | 411       | 323          | 167              | 5               | 6          | 9                   | 5          | 7               | 4                 | 3                          | 2                         | ...                  | 353 00                 | 1206 00                   |                             | Landisburg, Pa.    |  |
| Samuel H. Stein.           | Mechanicsburg.           | 1              | 235       | 192          | 112              | 1               | 2          | 6                   | 2          | 5               | 20                | 3                          | 5                         | ...                  | 236 75                 | 2856 99                   |                             | Mechanicsburg, Pa. |  |
| Solomon B. Schafer.        | Without charge.          | ...            | ...       | ...          | ...              | ...             | ...        | ...                 | ...        | ...             | ...               | ...                        | ...                       | ...                  | ...                    | ...                       |                             | Mechanicsburg, Pa. |  |
| Samuel N. Callender, D. D. | Sec. Bd. of Foreign Mis. | ...            | ...       | ...          | ...              | ...             | ...        | ...                 | ...        | ...             | ...               | ...                        | ...                       | ...                  | ...                    | ...                       |                             | Mechanicsburg, Pa. |  |
| Samuel P. Stauffer.        | Without charge.          | ...            | ...       | ...          | ...              | ...             | ...        | ...                 | ...        | ...             | ...               | ...                        | ...                       | ...                  | ...                    | ...                       |                             | York, Pa.          |  |
| George A. House.           | Without charge.          | ...            | ...       | ...          | ...              | ...             | ...        | ...                 | ...        | ...             | ...               | ...                        | ...                       | ...                  | ...                    | ...                       |                             | Dayton, Ohio.      |  |
| 13.                        |                          | 21             | 2506      | 2094         | 1299             | 68              | 27         | 80                  | 59         | 72              | ...               | 54                         | 33                        | 18                   | 5                      | \$2496 06                 | \$20030 73                  |                    |  |

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| F. A. Rupley, D.D.           | Without charge.  | 3              | 286           | 231       | 156          | 12               | 2               | 5          | 5                   | 3          | 8               | 6                 | 4                          | ..                        | ..                     | \$176 00                  | ..                          | .. | Martinsburg, Pa.            |                    |
| S. Charles Stover.           | Dunning's Creek. | 1              | 498           | 407       | 186          | 23               | 4               | 15         | 20                  | 14         | ..              | 5                 | 3                          | ..                        | ..                     | 1098 00                   | ..                          | .. | Cessa, Pa.                  |                    |
| John F. Moyer.               | Christ's Church. | 4              | 412           | 370       | 584          | 23               | 4               | 10         | 2                   | 5          | ..              | 16                | 3                          | ..                        | ..                     | 402 00                    | ..                          | .. | Altoona, Pa.                |                    |
| S. U. Waughman.              | Greensfield.     | 3              | 224           | 208       | 200          | 25               | 1               | 5          | 7                   | 4          | 5               | 3                 | 2                          | ..                        | ..                     | 155 00                    | ..                          | .. | Claysburg, Pa.              |                    |
| Daniel G. Hetrick.           | Schellsburg.     | 4              | 238           | 217       | 159          | 23               | 18              | 22         | 11                  | 10         | ..              | 13                | 2                          | ..                        | ..                     | 257 00                    | ..                          | .. | 441 00 Schellsburg, Pa.     |                    |
| E. W. Stonebraker.           | Yellow Creek.    | 3              | 363           | 318       | 252          | 18               | 1               | 17         | 2                   | 15         | 7               | 9                 | 4                          | ..                        | ..                     | 215 00                    | ..                          | .. | 1015 00 Loysburg, Pa.       |                    |
| Homer S. May.                | Sulphur Springs  | 1              | 362           | 320       | 200          | 25               | 1               | 11         | 16                  | 10         | 12              | 4                 | 2                          | 1                         | ..                     | 415 00                    | ..                          | .. | 810 00 Mann's Choice, Pa.   |                    |
| Lewis Robb.                  | Trinity Church.  | 3              | 130           | 113       | 45           | 3                | 3               | 5          | 4                   | 0          | 3               | 2                 | 0                          | 0                         | ..                     | 57 00                     | ..                          | .. | 2350 00 Altoona, Pa.        |                    |
| Vacant.                      | Clear Ridge.     | 3              | 432           | 370       | 171          | 12               | 0               | 21         | 13                  | 16         | 0               | 5                 | 9                          | 2                         | 1                      | 581 00                    | ..                          | .. | 600 00 Clearville, Pa.      |                    |
| F. A. Rupley, Jr.            | Water Street.    | 3              | 348           | 333       | 180          | 6                | 2               | 8          | 9                   | 2          | 0               | 5                 | 4                          | 4                         | 1                      | 236 00                    | ..                          | .. | 1025 00 Alexandria, Pa.     |                    |
| Charles H. Slinghoff.        | McConnellstown.  | 1              | 297           | 235       | 95           | 11               | 3               | 9          | 4                   | 5          | 0               | 0                 | 1                          | 0                         | 1                      | 450 00                    | ..                          | .. | 5629 00 McConnellstown, Pa. |                    |
| Charles E. Creitz.           | Huntingdon.      | 1              | 152           | 127       | 50           | 1                | 1               | 7          | 7                   | 1          | 0               | 3                 | 1                          | 0                         | 0                      | 200 00                    | ..                          | .. | 9042 00 Huntingdon, Pa.     |                    |
| I. W. Hendricks.             | Bedford.         | 3              | 357           | 288       | 182          | 9                | 1               | 11         | 4                   | 4          | 0               | 5                 | 7                          | 1                         | 0                      | 426 00                    | ..                          | .. | 1090 00 Bedford, Pa.        |                    |
| Thomas K. Cromer.            | St. Clairsville. | 3              | 349           | 300       | 116          | 4                | 11              | 13         | 4                   | 7          | 0               | 14                | 3                          | 0                         | 0                      | 236 00                    | ..                          | .. | 656 00 St. Clairsville, Pa. |                    |
| Edward M. Beck.              | Hickory Bottom.  | 2              | 182           | 129       | 97           | 6                | 0               | 3          | 6                   | 0          | 0               | 1                 | 0                          | 0                         | 0                      | 247 00                    | ..                          | .. | 843 00 Martinsburg, Pa.     |                    |
| Edwin B. Heller.             | Everett.         | 1              | 96            | 89        | 75           | 12               | 2               | 14         | 32                  | 0          | 0               | 0                 | 1                          | 0                         | 0                      | 46 00                     | ..                          | .. | 1011 00 Everett, Pa.        |                    |
| Paul S. Leinbach.            | Grace Mission.   | 1              | 307           | 206       | 124          | 10               | 1               | 5          | 12                  | 5          | 0               | 2                 | 1                          | 4                         | 0                      | 235 00                    | ..                          | .. | 1760 00 Altoona, Pa.        |                    |
| Gustave R. Poetter.          | Martinsburg.     | 2              | 307           | 206       | 124          | 10               | 1               | 5          | 12                  | 5          | 0               | 2                 | 1                          | 4                         | 0                      | 235 00                    | ..                          | .. | 875 00 Martinsburg, Pa.     |                    |
| Calvin P. Wehr.              | Friend's Cove.   | 3              | 279           | 200       | 120          | 18               | 0               | 17         | 3                   | 4          | 0               | 0                 | 1                          | 2                         | 0                      | 165 00                    | ..                          | .. | 742 00 Krontzville, Pa.     |                    |
| Henry H. Hartman.            | Woodcock Valley. | 3              | 402           | 345       | 152          | 12               | 3               | 14         | 7                   | 12         | 0               | 35                | 6                          | 4                         | 1                      | 205 00                    | ..                          | .. | 802 00 James Creek, Pa.     |                    |
| Ambrose C. Geary.            | Without charge.  | 3              | 70            | 45        | 42           | 7                | 0               | 0          | 6                   | 1          | 0               | 0                 | 2                          | 1                         | 0                      | 20 00                     | ..                          | .. | Petersburg, Pa.             |                    |
| Arthur C. Thompson.          | Orbisonia.       | 2              | 149           | 124       | 97           | 7                | 0               | 0          | 1                   | 0          | 0               | 0                 | 2                          | 1                         | 0                      | 105 00                    | ..                          | .. | 208 00 Orbisonia, Pa.       |                    |
| Lieut. William A. McClellan. | Saxton.          | 1              | 52            | 543       | 4975         | 3263             | 260             | 58         | 212                 | 184        | 119             | 0                 | 106                        | 95                        | 38                     | 5                         | \$5927 00                   | .. | ..                          | 535 00 Saxton, Pa. |
|                              |                  |                |               |           |              |                  |                 |            |                     |            |                 |                   |                            |                           |                        |                           |                             |    | Spring Mills, Pa.           |                    |
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# STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States, A. D. 1899.

| Classes                       | MEMBERS.    |                |               |           | ADDITIONS.  |                  |                 | LOSSES.    |                     |             |                   | S. S. STA-TISTICS.     |                     |                    | CONTRIBUTIONS.          |                         |                        |                       |                          |
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| Zion's.....                   | 15          | 36             | 4786          | 4051      | 2604        | 324              | 30              | 205        | 159                 | 61          | 30                | 139                    | 61                  | 33                 | 617                     | 4941                    | 1                      | \$ 7,925 21           | \$ 30,429 51             |
| Maryland.....                 | 43          | 64             | 9962          | 7920      | 5904        | 447              | 45              | 405        | 252                 | 167         | 89                | 148                    | 99                  | 56                 | 1207                    | 8076                    | 11                     | 11,679 00             | 48,555 04                |
| Merceburg.....                | 18          | 26             | 3546          | 2898      | 1618        | 99               | 40              | 102        | 76                  | 65          | 71                | 42                     | 26                  | 22                 | 346                     | 2370                    | 7                      | 3,823 74              | 16,300 00                |
| Virginia.....                 | 17          | 33             | 2635          | 2120      | 1262        | 81               | 41              | 107        | 50                  | 35          | 11                | 49                     | 9                   | 31                 | 238                     | 2131                    | 9                      | 2,208 00              | 8,071 00                 |
| North Carolina.....           | 23          | 43             | 3314          | 2704      | 1691        | 128              | 19              | 117        | 62                  | 46          | 84                | 41                     | 18                  | 31                 | 238                     | 2131                    | 9                      | 1,872 00              | 5,710 00                 |
| Gettysburg.....               | 19          | 29             | 5900          | 5105      | 3765        | 313              | 29              | 241        | 95                  | 63          | 20                | 107                    | 64                  | 25                 | 440                     | 2779                    | 9                      | 4,846 00              | 12,378 00                |
| Carlisle.....                 | 13          | 21             | 2506          | 2094      | 1299        | 68               | 27              | 80         | 59                  | 72          | 54                | 33                     | 18                  | 16                 | 280                     | 2204                    | 5                      | 2,496 06              | 20,030 73                |
| Junata.....                   | 22          | 52             | 5943          | 4975      | 3263        | 260              | 58              | 212        | 184                 | 119         | 106               | 95                     | 38                  | 46                 | 694                     | 4283                    | 5                      | 5,927 00              | 33,576 00                |
| Synod of Potomac (Total)..... | 8           | 170            | 304           | 38532     | 31867       | 21476            | 1720            | 289        | 1469                | 937         | 628               | 1                      | 365                 | 654                | 333                     | 481                     | \$40,777 01            | \$175,050 24          |                          |
| Eastern Synod.....            | 12          | 306            | 531           | 97061     | 81131       | 50939            | 5188            | 428        | 4170                | 2511        | 1619              | 1                      | 1922                | 1807               | 887                     | 564                     | 79,428 00              | 449,105 00            |                          |
| Ohio Synod.....               | 6           | 138            | 231           | 24058     | 19369       | 5895             | 712             | 448        | 989                 | 730         | 453               | 2                      | 534                 | 406                | 100                     | 206                     | 22,249 00              | 116,222 00            |                          |
| Synod of Pittsburgh.....      | 5           | 84             | 145           | 18600     | 15738       | 9799             | 911             | 110        | 697                 | 761         | 342               | 5                      | 471                 | 257                | 117                     | 120                     | 1647                   | 11383 12              | 22,677 46                |
| Synod of the Northwest.....   | 11          | 160            | 222           | 21974     | 15077       | 14491            | 1569            | 34         | 1139                | 837         | 190               | 5                      | 466                 | 313                | 177                     | 196                     | 1498                   | 12319 29              | 15,016 00                |
| German Synod of the East..... | 5           | 66             | 56            | 15186     | 11770       | 9925             | 1896            | 19         | 822                 | 465         | 103               | 3                      | 471                 | 310                | 159                     | 14                      | 1677                   | 7,372 00              | 90,744 00                |
| Central Synod.....            | 5           | 100            | 122           | 21398     | 15775       | 12502            | 1151            | 44         | 920                 | 684         | 319               | 1                      | 469                 | 318                | 171                     | 110                     | 13229 30               | 12,655 00             | 89,586 00                |
| Synod of the Interior.....    | 5           | 54             | 67            | 3261      | 2560        | 1348             | 143             | 65         | 140                 | 145         | 77                | 1                      | 162                 | 42                 | 18                      | 60                      | 744                    | 5,333 33              | 20,730 00                |
| Total 8 District Synods.....  | 57          | 1078           | 1678          | 240130    | 193287      | 126375           | 13290           | 1437       | 10346               | 7071        | 3741              | 16                     | 1690                | 1407               | 1362                    | 269                     | \$205,507 80           | \$1144,736 63         |                          |





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